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Resort
Blaze

Berlin, To-day.

One of Berlin's most popular night life resorts in the vicinity of the Friedrichstrasse was totally gutted by a fire which broke out in the early hours of the morning.

The establishment, known as the "Rhine Terraces," was formerly named the Cafe Scandinavia.

All Berlin's fire fighters turned out to combat the huge blaze, which threatened to destroy other night clubs adjoining.—Trans-Ocean.

Water Ration
Question
To-morrow

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will ask the following questions:—

Will Government be good enough to make a statement to this Council on the water question generally, dealing particularly with the reasons for having to resort to water restriction so soon after the completion of the Jubilee Reservoir? And if such reasons are related to either—

(a) the carrying capacity of the existing harbour pipes, or,
(b) the capacity of the filtering plant on the Island).

will Government state what is intended to be done in regard to either or both, as the case may be?

MR. SATO'S
SPEECH EVOKES
PLEASURE

Shanghai, To-day.

The speech on Sino-Japanese relations made by the new Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Naotake Sato, has been favourably received in Chinese political circles.

The speech is taken as foreshadowing Japan's intentions to respect China's claims for equality as a basis for new negotiations for settlement of outstanding Sino-Japanese disputes.

It is sincerely hoped that the Japanese War Office will permit Mr. Sato to translate his words into deeds.

The acid test of Japan's sincerity, it is felt, will be her attitude towards smuggling in North China, the East Hopei regime and the situation in Inner Mongolia.—Reuter.

Biscay Mystery
Dissipated

London, To-day.

Visions of grave international complications arising from the Bay of Biscay ship sinking incident are now entirely dispelled. There is no longer any reason to doubt that the steamer sunk by the rebel cruiser "Canarias" was the Mar Cantabrico.

The Spanish insurgents have reason to be gleeful over the sinking.

They have been swearing to "get her" since January 6 when she frenziedly loaded \$500,000 of munitions, principally aircraft, consigned to the Spanish Government and slipped out of New York, chased by a cutter, a few hours before Congress was able to pass legislation placing an embargo on war materials.

The Mar Cantabrico was last reported at Vera Cruz on January 21 since when insurgent warships have vigilantly patrolled the coast to prevent the landing of her cargo.

It is presumed that she had not succeeded in doing so before falling into the clutches of the Canarias, which took off her officers and crew before shelling and sinking her.—Reuter.

Four New
Motorships
For Far East
Service

Amsterdam, To-day.

Shipping companies in the Far East will shortly be faced with further competition, this time by the Netherlands.

It was reported here yesterday that the United Netherlands Steamship Co. will shortly place orders for construction of four motorships of 10,000 tons each.

The ships will be used on the Far East run, according to the newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE FOG; MORE DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has decreased in intensity and moved eastward, pressure being highest over the Sea of Japan and the mouth of the Yangtze. Depressions are situated over S.W. China and in the vicinity of the Bonins.

Forecast:—E. Winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy with fog or drizzle.

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Fourteen
Children
And Then—
Triplets

Stettin, To-day.

After having given birth to fourteen children in twelve years, including two lots of twins, the wife of a messenger named Wardatzki employed in the Government Labour Bureau here, has now given birth to three healthy boys.—Trans-Ocean.

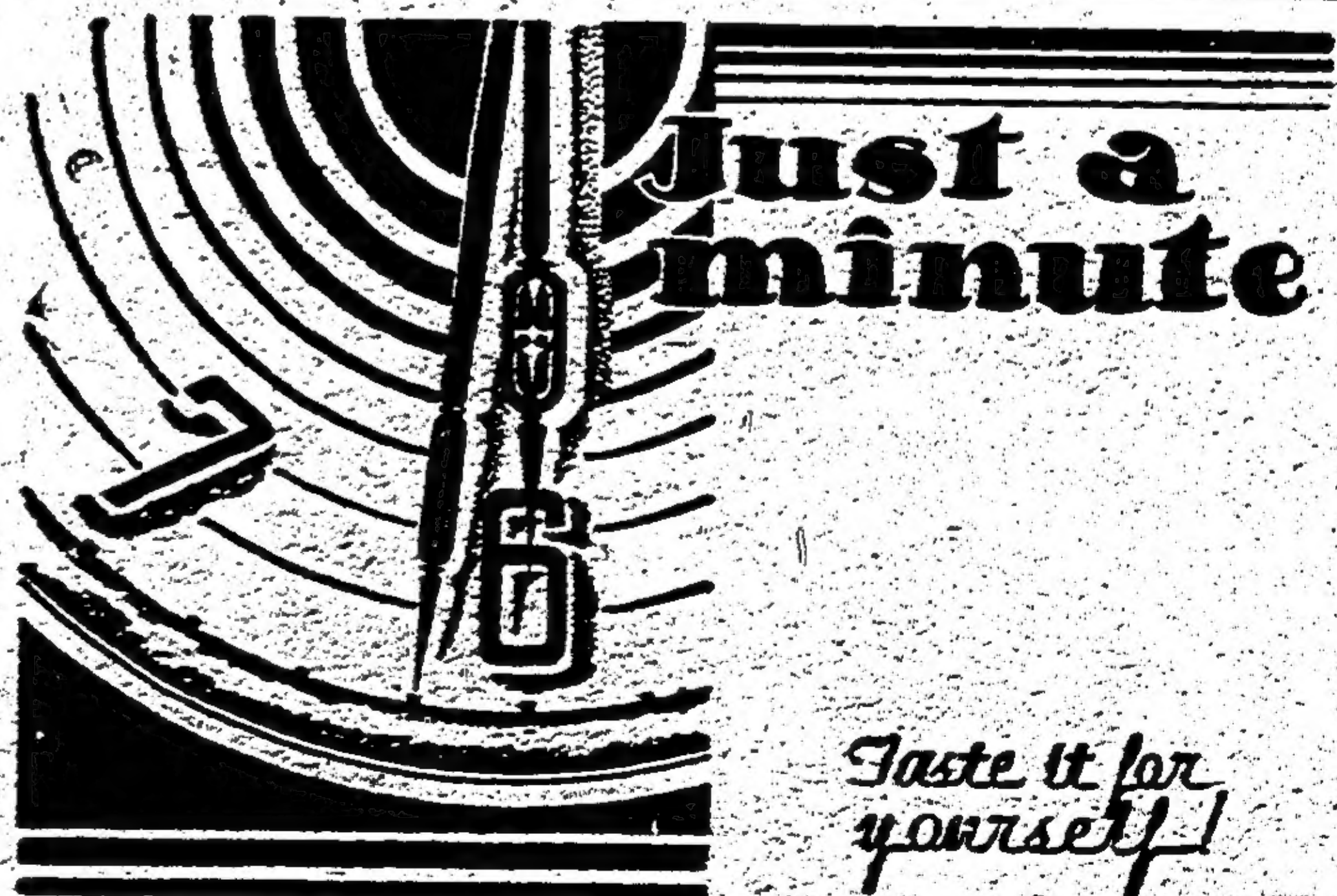
COST OF MUI TSAI
COMMISSION

It is revealed by a request for a supplementary vote to be placed before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow that the cost of the Mui Tsai Commission to Hong Kong was \$7,742.78, including \$4,511.58 passages and fares, \$2,121.23 in allowances and \$1,109.99 for clerical assistance in England and locally.

HITLER BIRTHDAY STAMP

Berlin, To-day.

The German Post Office has announced that instructions have been given for the design and issue of a special stamp on the occasion of Herr Hitler's birthday. The stamp will bear the Fuehrer's head.—Trans-Ocean.

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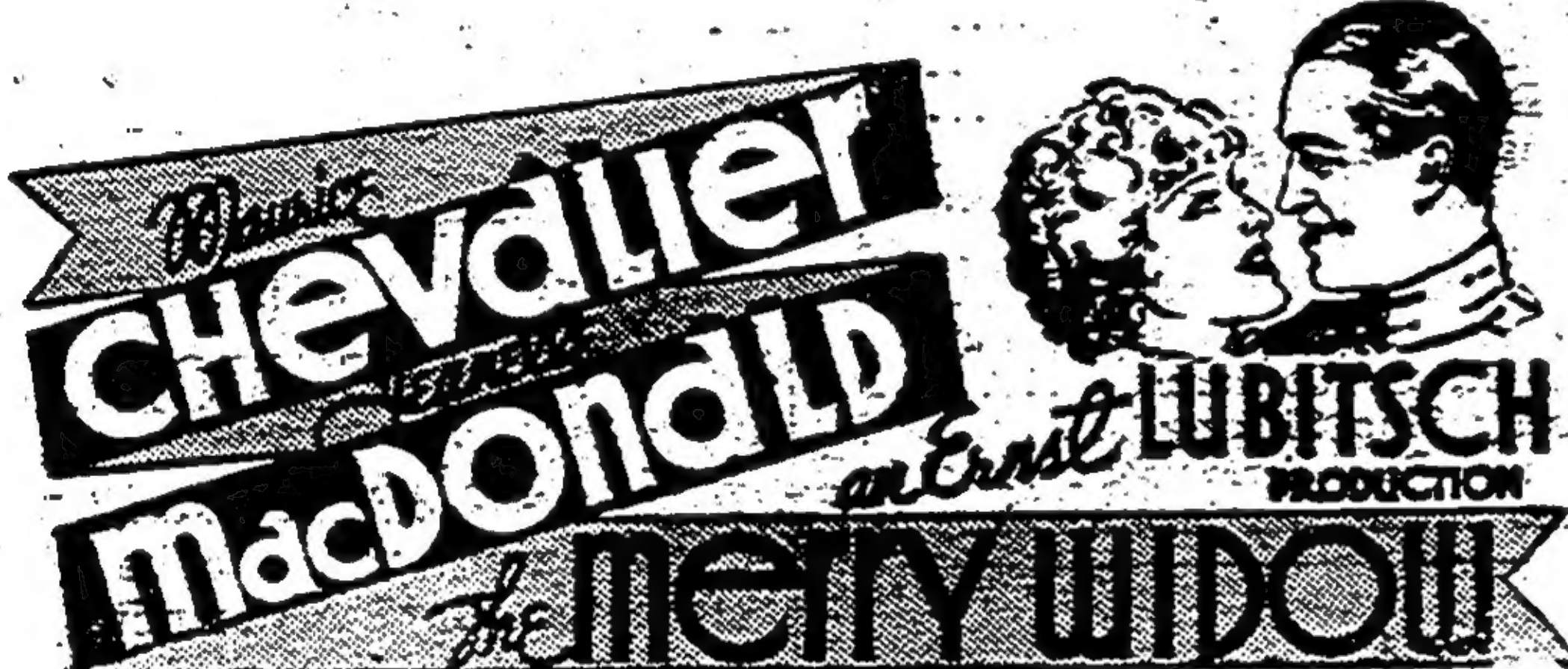
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**MADRID FOOD SHORTAGE
GETTING DESPERATE****EARLY FALL OF CAPITAL PREDICTED
BY REBEL QUARTERS**

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THAT THE FOOD SITUATION IN MADRID IS NOW ABSOLUTELY DESPERATE, IS THE TENOR OF A TELEGRAM PUBLISHED IN THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" YESTERDAY FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN THE SPANISH OLD CAPITAL.

The correspondent declares that many children have died owing to the extreme shortage of milk, which can now no longer be obtained.

The rebels, he adds, are storing large quantities of provisions behind the front line, so that they may be in the position of being able to "start a large-scale relief of the population immediately after the fall of Madrid."

Meanwhile reports appearing in the Paris newspapers state that rebel cruisers have captured another two ships laden with food and munitions for the loyalists.

In Salamanca a decree has been issued by General Franco calling to the colours all men in the recently captured provinces of Malaga, and Granada who became liable to military service between 1933 and 1937. -- Trans-Ocean.

**EGYPTIAN ARMY
PROGRAMME****Big Credit Granted
By Britain**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

British will provide Egypt with a credit of £1,100,000 for reorganisation of her army.

This is announced in the newspapers to-day, which add that a decision to grant the sum to Egypt was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

Reorganisation of the Egyptian army will be carried out by the chief of the British military mission, who has also prepared plans for training the air force.

The Egyptian army, which numbers some 10,000 men, will be provided with the most up-to-date weapons. -- Trans-Ocean.

**SHANGHAI MOTOR
MISHAP**

Four Shanghai residents narrowly escaped death when the car in which they were driving home from Nanjing left the highway near Wusih, turning on its side in a pond.

Those in the machine were Mr. Wilber Judd, Executive Secretary of the Navy Y.M.C.A., and Mrs. Judd, Mr. W. A. Hathaway, Associate Secretary, and Mrs. Hathaway. Mr. Judd was at the wheel as the car failed to make a turn and catapulted over an eight-foot embankment, turning half over and coming to rest in the water.

The occupants were uninjured, and returned to Shanghai in a chartered bus.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this Port on the 10th instant and is due here on Thursday afternoon.

OIL PAINTINGS**The Exhibition Of
S. B. Wong**

Another exhibition sponsored by the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild was opened yesterday at the Hotel Cecil. The artist presented is Mr. S. B. Wong who came to China from San Francisco only a year ago.

There are 41 pictures on exhibition representing a period of seven years. As the artist is still a young man, naturally, there are great divergences in the style of even these few pictures.

I like some of the earlier ones, painted in America, most of which show a strong decorative feeling. That they are painted definitely under the influence of the modern Mexican school of mural painters subtracts nothing from their value because the artists' own personality is everywhere discernible.

It is not surprising that Mr. Wong should be influenced by the Mexican school. Diego Rivera and others have left an indelible mark on present-day American painting and Mr. Wong had his art education at the San Francisco School of Fine Art. And also because in some aspects there are great similarity of principles in Mexican and Chinese art.

Of his later work I prefer those in which the decorative tendency is dominant. "On The Pearl River" (10) has strength, a simple still interesting composition, and the artists' natural inclination to keep his palette rather sombre is very well suited to the theme.

"Washing" (No. 3) is another good example of his decorative style and its colours are neither as muddy or raw as some of his newer pictures. That the decorative is his true element can readily be seen in such contrasting pictures as "Signal Hill" (No. 34) and "Breakwater at Mongkok" (No. 40) where he attempts a more naturalistic conception—and I must say—with not much success. The difference in style and conception is so great that I am inclined to think that the only reason for their creation was to keep the pot boiling.

There are few such lucky artists who have never been forced to do pot-boilers, still fewer who in good time could escape from it, and the danger is ever present that a young man with not too strong a personality succumbs to its allurements. Result: the artist will grow richer and the community poorer. I feel that it would be just as important, if not more important, to give the Hong Kong public not only opportunities to view what our local artists are doing but also to create some means by which they can learn to appreciate art work at its true value.

A. S. K.

THE WORLD GOES BY

DOES life end with death? This weighty problem was being discussed at a certain bar the other night by Ulysses and certain of his disreputable friends. We brought to the problem all that gravity and seriousness (though it is true it was somewhat alcoholic) that is its due. My nit-witted friends were of the opinion that when the doc pronounces you well and truly a corpse, that is that. You just ain't and there is no more to it.

Dumb fools, little do they know that each and every one of us has lived on earth many times before and will do so many times again.

I remember all my previous existences perfectly. There was that life of mine in the Bronze Age, for instance.

I was a tribal chief then, and some baby, I can tell you. I wore a beard, a smart double-breasted jacket of bear-skin, made in the Bond Street of the day, and an expansive smile. This latter due to the fact that as chief I had the right to as many women as I wished.

This has never happened to me since and I look back on those good old days with intense longing. Them's were the days, them's were.

My next appearance was in Saxon England, when the Conqueror was landing. I covered the Battle of Hastings for the Government Gazette, and had a wonderful scoop when I obtained a personal interview with William himself.

I was able to scotch the rumour that went round England for some time afterwards that Harold was not killed but was wandering round the country half insane.

I was not born again until circa 1199, when John Lackland came to the throne. I remember him losing his laundry in the Wash, or something, and also turning up at Runnymede black as thunder (he had a powerful temper, had John) because he had to sign a scrap of paper called Magna Charta.

This scrap of paper is kept nowadays as a curiosity and has no other significance. I'm sure John would be pleased if he knew. He thought he was signing something far-reaching and permanent, and didn't like it. "This Democracy idea is all bunk," he told me.

Henry V (Part Two) was King of England when I reappeared again. This would be about 1415, though I am getting somewhat hazy as to dates. I was with him at Agincourt, where I was killed. My last words, as reported in the *Crecy Times*, were said to have been "Kiss me Henry, it's either death or Westminster Abbey."

As a matter of fact it was neither. I was buried on the field of honour where I had won my spurs. Henry gave them to me just before I died. They were made of brass, the cheapskate. I believe he hocked them after my death.

The private life of Henry VIII was on when I next arrived. And what goes on! Really, my dears, I never objected to a bit of fun myself but that 'Enry! The way he carried on at Ampton Court. The gossip columns were just full of his doings, with pictures too.

I died and was reborn in 1630, when the first Charles was ruler

ENGINEERING STRIKES IN BRITAIN

Unions Accuse "Red" Agitators

London, To-day.

That the present strike movement in Britain is due to agitation by communist agents, is the allegation made in a statement issued by the engineering trade unions yesterday.

The union says that it objects to strikes and is willing to help the Government in carrying out its rearmament programme.

The statement, however, concludes by saying, "The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, has so far failed to consult trade union leaders."—Trans-Ocean.

WOMEN GET VOTE IN BULGARIA

Sofia, To-day.

Communal elections were held during the week-end in the provinces of Plevna and Stara and passed without serious incident, although the parties dissolved by Government decree in 1935 had carried on an intensive anti-Government propaganda, urging voters to express their dissatisfaction with the present regime.

Of the votes cast, it is apparent that the non-party candidates, those supporting the present Government, will secure an overwhelming majority.

Interest rested chiefly in the fact that Bulgarian women were permitted to vote for the first time, the franchise having been extended to cover married women with one or more children.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR ROBERT HO-TUNG'S DAUGHTER

Dr. Irene Ho, daughter of Sir Robert Ho-tung, prominent financier in Hong Kong, has joined the staff of the Ministry of Education. She will do special editing and compiling work in the Ministry.

of Merry England. It was merry, too, and we had a great time with the girls.

I lived right through this reign, those of the two Cromwells and that of the second Charles. I knew Nell Gwynn, Peg Woffington and other girl-friends of the Merry Monarch. He had an eye for the lasses, did Charles.

I duly died again and was resurrected in the reign of Britain's only dead queen, Anne. Anne was dead when she came to the throne and has been dead ever since (see history books). In fact she is the only exception to my proven theory that we all live again.

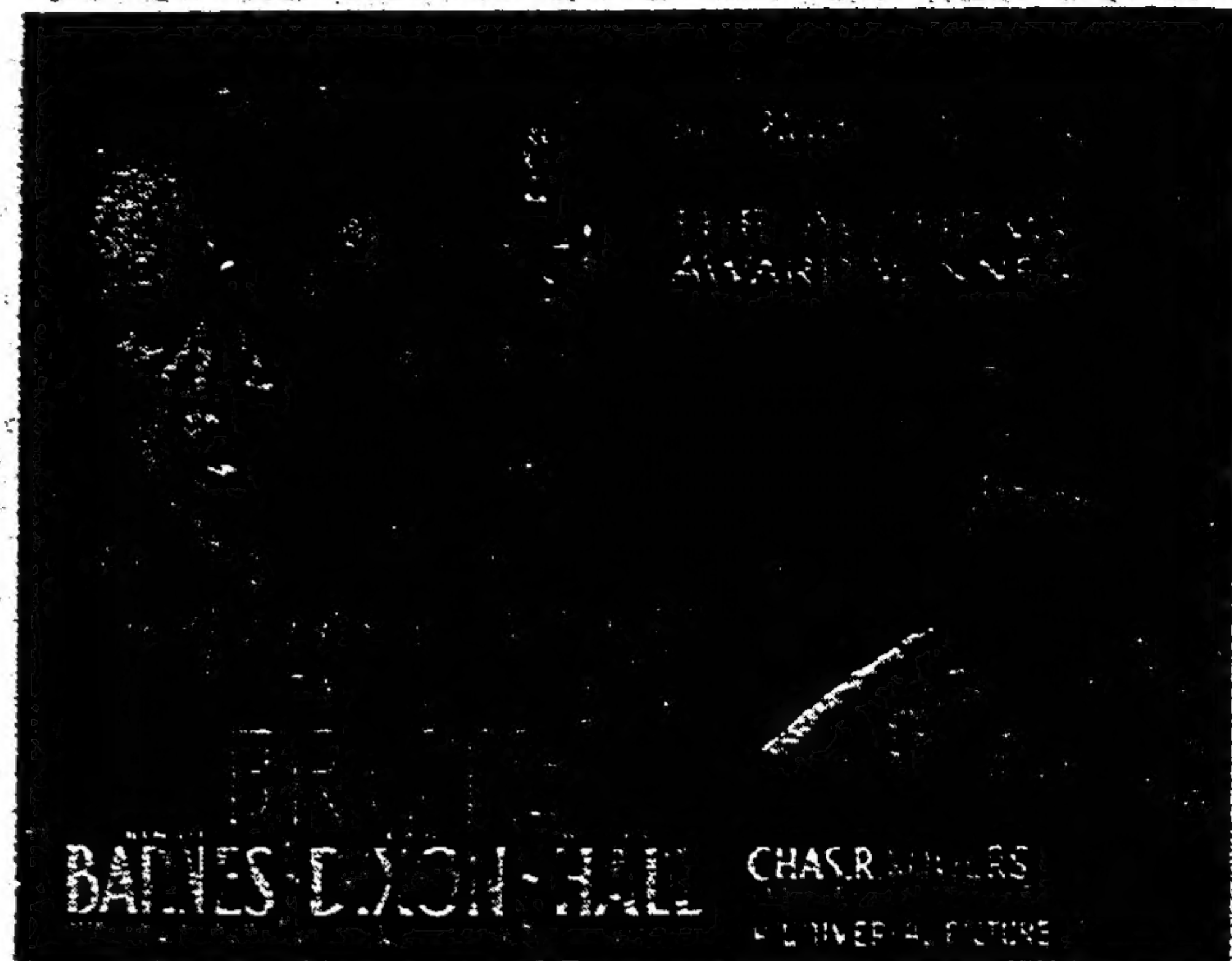
I survived for some time in this particular life of mine and lived on into part of the reign of the first Hanoverian king of England, finally dying in 1720 leaving a wife and nineteen children. I am still wondering whether all nineteen were really mine but I suppose there is no means of finding out until I meet my wife of that time again.

In 190—I was reborn again and am now looking forward eagerly to my next existence, since the strain of writing this column is an ordeal to which no human being should be subjected.

ULYSSES.

QUEENS

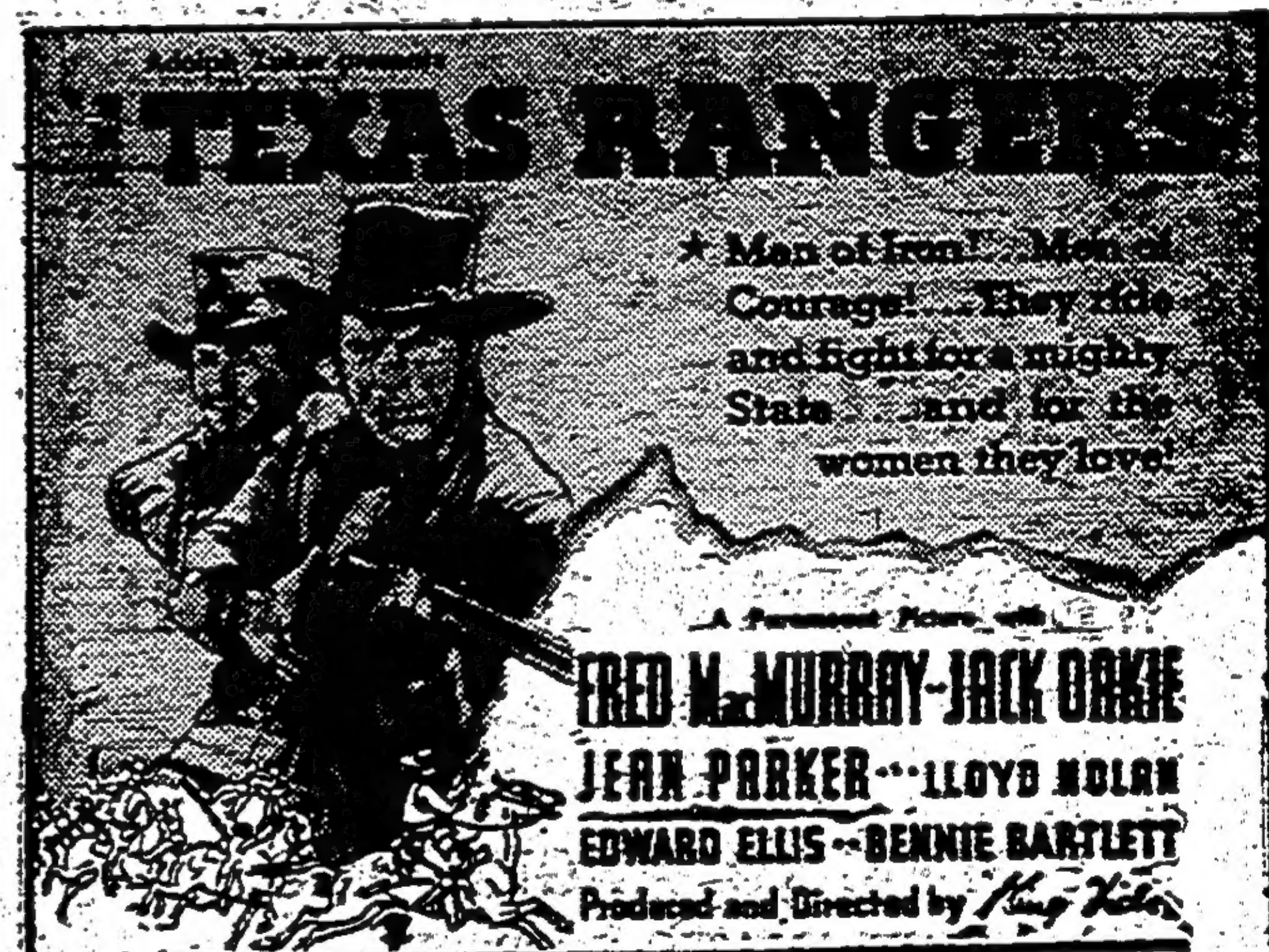
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**SENSATIONAL REPORT OF
ATTEMPTED "PUTSCH"
IN HUNGARY**

**DICTATORSHIP PLOT FAILS BUT
SITUATION STILL TENSE**

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

A sensation has been created here by reports that the Hungarian Government has only narrowly averted a "putsch" by the Right Wing radicals.

THE NEWS IS CONTAINED IN A DESPATCH TO THE "DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG" FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA.

The correspondent says that an extremely critical situation has prevailed in Hungary for the past week, and that only the receipt of a warning by the Premier, Dr. Kalman Daranyi, prevented a serious crisis.

IRON CENSORSHIP

The iron curtain of censorship has descended, he continues, and his news was smuggled out of the country with great difficulty.

He adds that several important changes in the Government are impending and that numerous arrests are being made.

"RINGLEADER" NAMED

The correspondent names a Government deputy, M. Bela Marton, as the ringleader of the group who planned the coup d'etat.

M. Marton is secretary-general of the Government party and was a close friend of the deposed premier, General Gombos.

PLANNED A "MARCH"

The correspondent recalls that when General Gombos was ousted from the premiership, rumour had it that M. Marton attempted to prevail upon him to establish a dictatorship.

Then he planned to emulate Mussolini's famous march on Rome by a similar march on Budapest, and to present the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, and the Government with a fait accompli.

The ultimate aim of the reported "putsch" was to bring about the fall of the Government and the establishment of a dictatorship.

Meanwhile the anti-Jewish movement in Hungary is spreading.

PAUL IGNOTUS ASSAULTED

Yesterday the Jewish author, Paul Ignotus, was assaulted by a group of Hungarian students because of an article he had published in a Liberal newspaper.

The assault took place in the editorial office of the paper, when M. Ignotus, after admitting to the students that he was the author of the article, was set upon and badly injured.

Two students were later arrested. — Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO MAKE STATEMENT

Budapest, Later.

The general political tension in Hungary, owing partly to the reported discovery of an intended Rightist putsch and to the strike situation in the mining areas, still continues.

It is expected that an attempt will be made to clarify the situation on Wednesday when a Government deputy, M. Victor Drozdy, will ask for information regarding reports of an entirely new orientation of Hungarian domestic politics.

The Premier himself is expected to make a statement in reply to the interpellation. — Trans-Ocean.

**YOUNG MARSHAL'S
TROOPS**

**Migration To Be Ended
By March 20**

Nanking, To-day.

The threat to peace in north-west China appears to have definitely subsided with the announcement that the transfer of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's former army to Hunan and Anhwei will be completed by March 20.

All divisions of the army are en route to their new posts by train, except for the cavalry regiments, which are leaving Kansu and Shensi within a few days. — Reuter.

**DANCE GIRLS STAGE
ALL-IN BOUT**

With blackened eyes and scratches on their faces, two dance girls from the Majestic Dancing Hall, Betty Kwok and Annie Ho, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with disorderly conduct in Theatre Lane at 9.50 p.m. last night.

They were also bound over on a bond of \$50 for one year. Inspector Baker said defendants were seen fighting by a constable. One had a shoe in her hand and the other a bunch of keys and they could not be separated. A crowd of over 200 had gathered round the two. Inspector Baker added that both were equally guilty and that jealousy over dance clients was apparently the cause of the trouble.

**\$47,000 FOR WATER
METER REPAIR**

That \$37,000 has been spent for water meter repairs under the Estimates for 1936 and that a further \$10,000 is required, bringing the total to \$47,000 for the year, is revealed in a request for a supplementary vote which is to be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council tomorrow.

**LIVE QUAILS PACKED LIKE
POTATOES**

Lam Hoi, aged 24, a market coolie, was this morning fined \$25 by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy for cruelty to 48 quails by cramming them into a small basket. Inspector A. V. Baker said that the birds were forced to stand on one another and were packed just like potatoes.

H. V. Hodson To
Talk From Home
On 'World Affairs'

To-day's Wireless

Prue Lewis And
Maurice Barton
At The Studio

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30—The B.E.C. Dance Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03—Richard Crooks (tenor) and the Angelus Octet.

1.30—Renter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40—A Variety Programme.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11.10 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Grand Opera.

"Die Meistersinger" (Wagner)—Overture.

"Norma" (Bellini)—Casta Diva (Queen of Heaven).

Ina Souez (Soprano).

"Il Seraglio" (Mozart)—Overture.

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

Conducted by Clemens Krauss.

"I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—

On with the motley.

Aureliano Pertile (Tenor).

"Der Rosenkavalier" (R. Strauss)—

Herr Kavalier... Alexander Kipnis

(Bass) and E. Ruzicka (Mezzo-

Soprano).

7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-

tions and Hong Kong Exchange Mar-

ket Report.

7.35 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His

Concert Orchestra.

Your heart called mine (Edgar—

Lewinnek—Hayon).

Vienna in Springtime

(Harry Leon—Dominic Pelosi).

Mouse in the clock (Hunt).

Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton).

Wedding Dance Waltz (Lincke).

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Penny in the slot (Ashworth—Hope).
Knave of Diamonds (Steele).
Love in idleness (MacBeth).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—New Dance Tunes.

Fox-Trot—

Who loves you?

Let me dream of Havana.

Tain't no use.

To you, sweetheart.

Me and the moon.

Did you mean it?

Waltz—Have you forgotten so soon?

8.25 p.m.—Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).

Midnight Review (Glinka).

NEW SECRETARY FOR Z.B.W.

To Take Short Course
At B.B.C.

It is officially announced that in view of the impending resignation of the present Secretary, the Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee has offered the appointment to Mr. Arthur T. Lay, who has accepted.

It is hoped that Mr. Lay will be able to undertake a short course at the B. B. C. before leaving England to take up his duties here in June.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Making The Enemy Assist.

Old time auction players may remember a hand devised by my erstwhile antagonist in the bridge battle of the century, none other than that old fox, Sydney S. Lenz (the word "old" is used affectionately, not descriptively). The hand illustrated a point that comes up rarely, but which, nevertheless, may be used to excellent advantage. Only recently, in a New York club, I saw a hand that was a blood relation to the one mentioned.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—9 6 5 4

H.—K J 3

D.—Q 7 6

C.—A 9 3

WEST

S.—10 8 7 3

H.—8 7 2

D.—9 5 2

C.—8 7 2

EAST

S.—J

H.—Q 10 9 4

D.—K J 10 3

C.—K 6 5 4

SOUTH

S.—A K Q 2

H.—A 6 5

D.—A 8 4

C.—Q J 10

The bidding:

South West North East
1 no tr'p Pass 2 no tr'p Pass
3 no tr'p Pass Pass Pass

South's first bid was correct, but he should have shown his spade suit over the two no trump. However, against the opposing distribution, three no trump was a better contract than four spades would have been.

West opened the three of spades, dummy played low, and declarer captured East's jack. Quite a series of finesse then was launched. The ace of hearts was laid down, and a low heart was led to dummy's jack. East won, and returned a third round of the suit. Dummy

won and led a spade to an honour in declarer's hand after which a low diamond was led up to the queen in the hope that the king would be in West's hand. East, after smothering the queen, cashed his high heart and then led back the jack of diamond. Declarer won and, by this time almost desperate, essayed the club finesse. When that lost also, the declarer looked as though he wanted to tear the cards up, since it was the fourth losing trick and he still had to concede his losing spade to West.

The simplest device in the world would have put the contract on ice with probably an extra trick as well. West's opening lead of the three of spades should have been accepted by an honest fourth-highest opening (it could not be a short suit lead because of its denomination, and a singleton was unthinkable). East's jack, therefore, was in all probability blank. As long as declarer had one losing spade in his hand, with no suit in dummy on which to discard it, and since any lead that West could make other than a spade would be bound to act as an automatic finesse for the declarer, the jack should have been allowed to hold the first trick. No matter what East chose to return, he would find himself in a series of throw-in plays, and instead of going down one on the game contract, declarer, by careful play, would have made ten tricks.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Partner opened the bidding with two no trump. Next hand passed. What should have been my response with the following:

S.—8 5; H.—9 7 4; D.—Q 9 7 4; C.—J 10 5 3?

Answer: Three no trump.

Song of the needy Pilgrim

(Nekrassoff—Nevstrueff—Manikin).

Arise, Red Sun (Russian Folk Song).

8.35 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Recital by Prue Lewis (Violin)

and Maurice Barton (Pianoforte).

McEwan's 'Little Sonatas' for Violin

and Piano.

8.55 p.m.—London—News and An-

ouncements.

9.15 p.m.—Liebestraume (Liszt), play-

ed by De Groot and The Piccadilly

Orchestra. H.M.V. C. 1430.

9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.

A talk by Dr. G. A. C. Herklots:

"Winter and Spring Colours of Flow-

ers and Foliage."

9.40 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Or-

chestra.

Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates)

Gipsy Moon (Borganoff)

Le Chaland qui passe (Bixio)

Love's last word (Gremien)

You will remember Vienna

(Romberg)

I bring a love song (Romberg)

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. A Pro-

gramme of New Gramophone Re-

records.

10.25 p.m.—London—"World Affairs."

A talk by H. V. Hodson.

10.40 p.m.—London—Variety, with The

Four Crotchets in syncopated Com-

edy. (Electrical Recording).

11 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Resume on the Finals of the

Colony's Billiard Championship, by

Frank V. Read.

11.10 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"General Span-
ky," with Philips Holmes, Rosina Law-
rence and Spanky McFarland. The
thrills and drama of the War between
the States in the 60's, with the charm
and traditions of the South, furnish
the interesting background for this
Hal Roach feature-length comedy.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Merry
Widow," with Maurice Chevalier and
Jeanette MacDonald. The most po-
pular operetta of all times.

AT THE STAR—"Thirty-Nine
Steps," with Robert Donat and Made-
leine Carroll. A British production
with an unusual spy story its main
theme. From the John Buchan story,
brilliantly produced.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Magnificent
Brute," with Victor McLaglen, Binnie
Barne, Jean Dixon, William Hall, Ann
Preston, Henry Armetta and Edward
Norris. A battle of might against
right in the love of two blondes for a
strong man who had a weakness for
beauty. A real McLaglen part.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE—"Rainbow
On The River," starring Bobby Breen,
who won world-wide acclaim in "Let's
Sing Again," who enacts the part of a
boy tenor with a lonely heart as he
pines for the Southland while impris-
oned in the unkind atmosphere of an
austere grandmother's New York man-
sion.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Texas Ran-
gers," with Fred MacMurray and
Jack Oakie. This picture, the second
made by Paramount for Vidor, immor-
talises the band of men who made
Texas safe for the pioneer settlers.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing
Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows
and Louis Armstrong. The gayest
fun-show of the new season. Coming
to the King's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind
Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer
Prize play. The story of a woman
who lived for the strongest love ever
conceived and makes you hate her as

you never hated a screen player before.
Coming to the King's Theatre.

"China Clipper"—With Pat O'Brien,
Beverly Roberts, Ross Alexander,
Humphreys Bogart and Henry B. Walt-
hall. A glamorous romance of the air,
marking a milestone in the pictorial
history of daring American aviation,
coming to the King's Theatre.

"Satan Met A Lady"—with Bette
Davis, Warren William, Alison Skip-
worth, Arthur Treacher and Winifred
Shaw. A new thriller from the author
of "The Thin Man" which will keep
you in laughter from start to finish,
coming to the King's.

"Under Your Spell"—with Lawrence
Tibbett, Wendy Barrie, Gregory Ratoff
and Arthur Treacher. A roughhouse
romance that hits the high spots of
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Coming to the Queen's Theatre.

"The Flying Hostess," with William
Gargan, Judith Barrett and William
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Ralph Bellamy, Marian Marsh and
Isabel Jewell. A blood-chilling drama
of a killer resurrected and transformed
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Coming to the King's.

"Avenging Waters"—with Ken May-
nard, Beth Marion and Ward Bond. A
roaring romance of the west packed
with spine-thrilling adventures. Com-
ing to the Alhambra.

"The Man I Marry," with Doris
Nolan, Michael Whalen, "Chic" Sale
and Nigel Bruce. A rollicking roman-
tic comedy in which Doris Nolan,
Universal's newest find, gives an out-
standing performance. Coming to the
Alhambra.

It is announced in "St. John's
Review" that the Bishop will ad-
minister Confirmation at the morning
service on April 4. Four groups are
meeting for preparation, three
with the Chaplain and one com-
posed of Chinese candidates with
the Rev. A. J. Bennett.



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BRITAIN'S PEACE OBJECTIVE

Important Speech By Mr. Eden At Aberdeen

COMMON AIM OF BRITAIN'S PEOPLE

London, To-day.

In a speech at Aberdeen last night, the Foreign Secretary referred to the rearmament programme as a means to an end and not an end itself. The Government believed it to be an indispensable contribution to peace.

It was difficult to watch, with patience, nations piling up armaments on an everincreasing scale, knowing that the ultimate effect of their action must react on the standard of living of all peoples.

While, therefore, at this time, no responsible British Government could do other than ask the nation's endorsement of the rearmament programme which they had outlined, which they were already engaged on, and which they meant to carry through to the end if need be, it was none the less clearly their duty to seize the first opportunity to cut this circle of rising armaments.

IMPERIAL DISCUSSION

Speaking of the British Commonwealth of Nations as one of the greatest stabilising influences for peace and progress in the modern world, Mr. Eden said it was clear that foreign affairs would be one of the major subjects for discussion at the forthcoming Imperial Conference and it was impossible to overestimate the value of a free interchange of views between the Governments of the Commonwealth on these issues, particularly at the present time.

It was not possible now to anticipate the course of the discussion, except to say that the United Kingdom Government intended to lay the facts as they saw them, fully and frankly before the Conference and to endeavour to reach, in consultation, an agreement on the lines of action which would contribute both towards the prosperity of the British Commonwealth and towards the peace of the world.

PEACE INFLUENCES

Another great stabilising factor, in world influence and authority, of evident advantage to mankind as a whole, was the United States of America. When they looked at the troubled state of the world to-day, it was a comforting thought that over the vast area there was a great peace-loving and progressive influence at work.

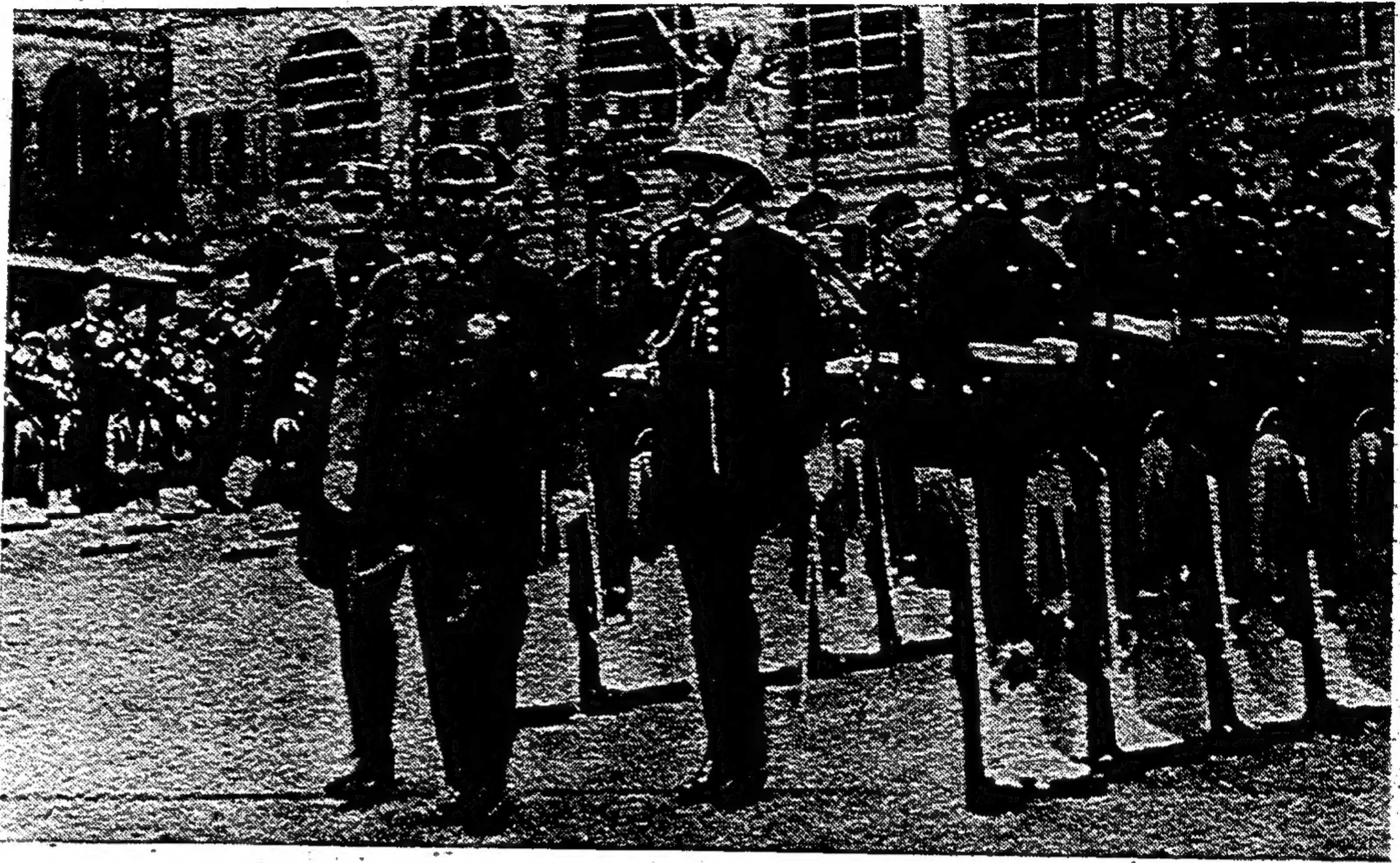
The Foreign Secretary declared that disturbing as the effect of the recent and present increases in world armaments must be to the public mind, this in no sense justified an acceptance of the inevitability of war.

His Majesty's Government would never subscribe to such fatalism.

Influences working for peace were many and varied.

Not least among them was the realisation, inescapable for all, of the appalling and immeasurable calamity for all—victim and vanquished alike—which a resort to war involved.

In itself that was an important factor.—British Wireless.



General Yu Hon-man, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, photographed yesterday on completion of his inspection of the Guard of Honour provided on the occasion of his official visit to Government House. General Yu was last night entertained at a banquet at the Chinese Merchants Club. ("China Mail" photo).

SIR OTTO NIEMEYER'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Basle, To-day.

Sir Otto Niemeyer, a member of the board of the Bank of England, has been offered and accepted the chairmanship of the Bank of International Settlements.

Offer of the appointment, which is effective for three years, was made by the governing board of the Bank.—Trans-Ocean.

EGYPT APPLIES FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Cairo, To-day.

Egypt has formally applied to Geneva for admission to the League of Nations, according to press reports here.

Several powers, chief of whom is Britain, are supporting Egypt's application.—Trans-Ocean.

deterrent.

In a concluding passage, in which he referred to the necessity under the system of representative Government for a foreign policy basis which commanded the agreement of all sections of community irrespective of party, Mr. Eden sketched the outline of the principles which, he believed, commended themselves to the moral sense and common sense of the country.

MAIN OBJECT

"We are all agreed that the main object of foreign policy is the pursuit of peace and that, while avoiding anything in the nature of provocation, we should not hesitate to speak our minds when we think it right. We are all agreed that in a re-arming world, this country should have armaments commensurate with its national, imperial and international responsibilities. We are all agreed that peace will only finally be secured by the establishment of an international order which shall substitute the rule of law for the rule of force. We are all agreed that we should co-operate with those who are like minded and should make every effort to extend the area of co-operation to those who are not like minded."—British Wireless.

Grim Rumours of Massacres In Addis Ababa

London, To-day.

Lord Cranborne had a number of questions to answer in the Commons last night, on reported disorders in Addis Ababa.

He replied: "While it will be realised that precise details are, in the circumstances difficult to obtain, the Foreign Secretary has received information tending to show that following the attempted assassination of Marshal Graziani, scenes of grave disorder occurred in Addis Ababa, in the course of which reprisals of a severe character were taken by the Italian soldiery resulting in a large number of deaths and extensive destruction of property."

"I am glad to say that, so far as British subjects and protected persons are concerned, those who were arrested when the outbreak occurred have now all been released at the instance of the acting British Consul-General and no British lives were lost."

Pressed in supplementaries to confirm Press reports of a savage massacre, the Under-Secretary repeated it was impossible to give detailed information.

He added that he regretted to say that the reports the Foreign Secretary had received partly bore out some of the accounts which had appeared.

NEW MOTOR STRIKE THREAT

Chrysler And Chevrolet
Challenged

Detroit, To-day.

About 80,000 workers are threatened with idleness as a result of developments in the motor industry dispute following protracted negotiations on the subject of collective bargaining.

The Chrysler Corporation yesterday rejected the demand of the union of automobile workers for recognition as the sole bargaining agency.

The union immediately called strikes in the Chrysler, Hudson and Chevrolet factories at Detroit in an attempt to enforce its demands.—Reuter.

COMPANY AGREES TO NEGOTIATE

Flint, Mich., To-day.—The strikers of the Chevrolet No. 1 Plant are returning to work pending negotiations between the company and the

CHAOS IN AIR IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, To-day.

The Australian Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons, yesterday stated that the rejection by the States of the proposed Federal laws on aerial transport all over the country, and the laws governing inter-state commerce, means a lack of co-operation with the Commonwealth Government.

He added that for aerial transportation in each state to be governed by its own laws would mean chaos in the air services.

Mr. Lyons appealed to the people to reconsider their decision.—Reuter.

An Arab was killed by two armed men near Haifa, and a Jewish driver was shot dead at the wheel in Sharon.

tions between the company and the Union.—Reuter.

BISCAY SENSATION

Admiralty Rushes Four Destroyers On Reports Of Shelling And Sinking Of Big British Liner

Wild Weather In Atlantic

New York, To-day.
Seven trans-Atlantic liners from Europe, including the "Queen Mary," have reported delays from twelve to 72 hours, owing to storms described as the worst of an exceptionally severe winter.—Reuter.

British Ambassador Coming South

Canton, To-day.
It is reported that Sir Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador to China, will leave Peiping for Canton on Friday.

It is stated that he will come by train, will arrive at Hankow on the Peiping-Hankow Railway on Sunday, and will arrive at Canton by the Canton-Hankow Railway on Thursday next. Canton officials are preparing to welcome their honoured guest.—Our Own Correspondent.

OSLO CONVENTION AGREEMENT

Extension Of Bloc Expected

Riga, To-day.
Extension of the economic bloc formed by the powers signatory to the Oslo Convention is foreseen by the newspapers here.

It is reported that the Oslo Convention powers are now seeking adherence of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to the agreement.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Sandler, it is reported, will visit the three countries in June in order to conclude trade agreements with the Baltic states.—Trans-Ocean.

GEORGE VI STAMPS

Expected To Be Ready For Coronation

London, To-day.
The Postmaster-General announced in the House of Commons at question-time that he hoped the new George VI stamps would be ready by the date of the Coronation in the most used denominations.

The main issue would total 250,000,000.

A special commemorative coronation issue in the higher denominations was receiving urgent consideration.—British Wireless.

For the 10th time within a week, Dalston L.C.C. fire station received a false alarm from the Greenwood-road district, and a watch will be kept for those responsible.

MYSTERY SHIP NOW BELIEVED SPANISH

RUTHLESS SINKING BY SHELLING OF A "MYSTERY" LINER, BELIEVED TO BE BRITISH, IN THE BAY OF BISCAY BY AN INSURGENT WARSHIP, CAUSED CONSIDERABLE ALARM AND ACUTE TENSION IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The liner, according to first messages received in Hong Kong, was the "Adda," a 7,816-ton passenger vessel owned by the West African Steamship Co., and plying between Liverpool and West Africa.

SHE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY A HAIL OF SHELLS AND TO HAVE SUNK IN FLAMES WITHIN A FEW MINUTES, AND FIRST REACTIONS TO THE REPORT WERE THAT THE CONSEQUENCES COULD NOT BE FORESEEN AND THAT THE AFFAIR WAS AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT OF THE UTMOST GRAVITY.

A later message through Reuter, however, seems to have dispelled anxiety, with the statement that the ship was the Spanish vessel "Mar Cantabrico."

The vessel has been in the lime-light before, as she slipped out of New York a few weeks ago with a cargo of munitions for Spain just before the American Neutrality Law was passed.

ALARMING REPORTS

First reports of the sinking of the vessel, which took place in the Bay of Biscay, were received in the French ports of Rochefort, St. Jean de Luz and Bordeaux.

Dramatic S.O.S. messages from the doomed ship said that she was on fire and sinking.

A message was also received at Land's End wireless station, stating that the ship was in flames and sinking and giving her position as 45.10 North and 3.20 West.

ADMIRALTY ACTION

The Admiralty in the belief that the vessel was the Adda, immediately despatched four destroyers—Echo, Eclipse, Encounter and Escapade—to the spot.

Other vessels also rushed to the liner's assistance from French ports. These included the British oil tanker "Tamaha," a French vessel "Pierre L. Dreyfus" and several Archon trawlers.

USHANT REPORT

The uncertainty was added to by a report from Brest stating that the Ushant semaphore picked up an S.O.S. message at 3.35 yesterday afternoon stating, "Adda bombarded in the Bay of Biscay by the nationalist cruiser Canarias and is asking for help owing to fire."

The British liner "Adda," however, was queried and replied "All's well."

The identity of the vessel was not definitely established until re-

ceipt of a message in London from the destroyer "Echo."

CANARIAS' STATEMENT

The destroyer stated that she had been informed by the rebel cruiser "Canarias" that the ship alleged to be the "Adda" was the Spanish ship "Mar Cantabrico."

The crew of the latter vessel are now on board the rebel cruiser and it is presumed the ship was sunk.

Berlin, To-day.

Approximately 750,000 visitors poured into the German Motor Exhibition which has just closed after two weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

Canarias Worsted In Fight

Bilbao, To-day.

A lively sea engagement between convoying vessels is officially reported.

A number of Basque Government armed trawlers were escorting a steamer when they encountered the insurgent cruiser "Canarias," which was acting as escort to another steamer.

The armed vessels immediately opened fire on each other, the fight lasting for several hours.

One of the trawlers was sunk with all hands, but the other Government ships captured the insurgent steamer by a clever ruse.

The "Canarias" was forced to abandon her charge when by subtle manoeuvring the rebel cruiser was lured within the range of the shore batteries.—Reuter.

BIG FALL IN JOBLESS

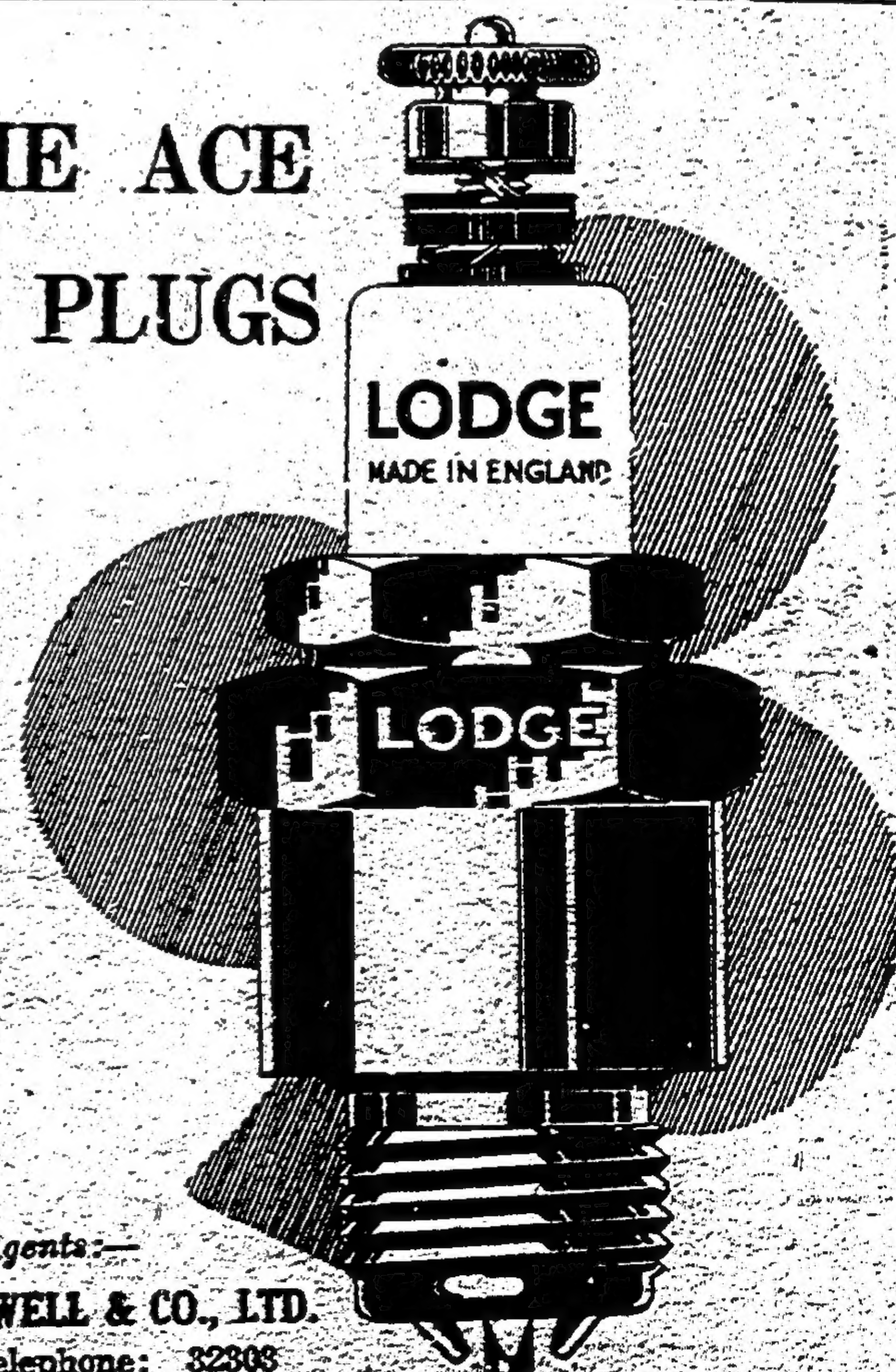
London, To-day.

Employed in February totalled 81,000 insured persons more than the figures for January and \$62,000 more than at the corresponding period last year, according to Government returns.

The number of wholly unemployed on February 22 was 1,400,000, being 61,000 less than on January 25 and 396,000 less than the same date the previous year.—Reuter.

About 600 Glasgow school-children will be taken on a liner week-end cruise to the Western Isles as part of the city's Coronation plans.

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TASTY WAYS - - - WITH THE HOMELY EGG

A LREADY that useful article of food, the egg, is at its most plentiful and cheapest, so the time seems ripe to demonstrate that there are other ways of cooking it than the usual poach, boil, scramble or fry.

Some of the simplest and tastiest ways of cooking eggs are variations of what the French call "sur le plat" and "en cocotte." In the former case the eggs are cooked in a shallow, fireproof dish (or individual dishes); in the latter in small, deep, fireproof pots, designed to take one egg, and known as "cocottes."

The individual dishes and cocottes are the nicer, because they look dainty, save washing up as the dish goes straight to the table, and also ensure piping-hot food.

Here are some variations of eggs "sur le plat."

WITH TOMATOES AND CHOPPED MUSHROOMS

Lightly fry the tomatoes and mushrooms and keep hot. Butter the fireproof dishes and drop in the eggs, two to a person is usual. Stand on stove or in oven for four or five minutes till set. Garnish with tomatoes and mushrooms.

Alternative garnishes; Fried chopped liver, calves' or chickens', or kidneys, one per person of the latter.

WITH SLICED SAUSAGES

Slice some cold, cooked sausages, preferably smoked ones, into the fireproof dishes, which have previously either been buttered or greased with a little of the dripping from the sausages, and put them in the oven or on the stove till they are sizzling. Then break in the eggs and cook until set as before. This is delicious garnished with fried, chopped onions.

Garbed in Grey

Battleship grey gabardine was selected by actress Barbara Stanwyck for this smart tailored ensemble for street wear. The mannish blouse of silk crepe, suede gloves and handbag and reptile shoes are royal blue. A diamond and sapphire clip fastens the blouse at the neck.



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WITH POTATOES

Saute some cold potatoes, being careful not to get them soggy but crisp and golden. Put a layer in the fireproof dishes, break in eggs, season, and sprinkle with grated cheese. If you have it, add a little cream, if not a dab of butter, and cook till set as before.

EGGS "EN COCOTTE"

The nicest way is very easy—if you have some cream. Grease the cocottes, and put a tiny piece of butter in each one, and put on stove to melt. When ready drop an egg into each, season, and cook on stove or in oven till set. Just before serving pour a tablespoonful of cream on top. Alternatives to cream are thick tomato sauce out of a bottle, or a pinch of mixed herbs, but some people do not like the last.

The dishes above are in the nature of snacks. If you want something more satisfying, try this American supper dish:

EGGS ON CORNED BEEF

Flake up the contents of a small tin of corned beef, removing the white fat, and add to it ½ lb. of tomatoes, ready fried, and if liked, a fried chopped onion. Season, add sufficient gravy, meat essence or cream to make a thick paste.

Grease a piedish, line it with mashed potatoes and then the corned beef. Put a few dabs of dripping on it and put in the oven till hot through. Then drop on one egg for each person (four or five) and return to oven till set.

A pleasant change from the ordinary omelette is a Souffle Omelette—this can be made sweet or savoury.

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SHANGHAI'S CREDIT

Undermined By Chinese Courts

HOUSE OF COMMONS DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

The impossibility of British commercial interests in Shanghai being able to obtain prompt redress from the Chinese courts in the case of defaulted repayment of sums advanced to Chinese, was brought up in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Cecil Hanbury (Conservative, North Dorset).

Sir Cecil drew attention to the serious damage being done to British interests owing to this fact.

He also drew attention to the undermining of the system of mortgage credits by the Chinese courts.

Viscount Cranborne, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the matter had been the subject of correspondence between the Consular body in Shanghai and the Mayor of Greater Shanghai.

The Mayor had stated that in ordinary cases of foreclosure the law provides for disallowance of appeals designed to prolong litigation.

Mr. Eden's last information, he continued, was that the foreign Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai were considering the Mayor's statement, and it does not appear that representations by the Ambassador were at present called for.—Reuter.

RISE FOR THE POLICE

Canton, To-day.

The Ministry of the Interior in Nanking has instructed all local governments to raise the remuneration of the police. — *Our Own Correspondent.*



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SIR FREDERICK LEITH-ROSS GIVES OUTLINE OF BRITISH VIEWS

Geneva, To-day.

Speeches by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross (Britain), M. Joseph Avenol (France) and Mr. Shudo (Japan) marked the opening of the meeting of the raw materials committee here yesterday.

EXPERTS OF SIXTEEN NATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF THE RAW MATERIALS QUESTION FROM ALL ANGLES, BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.

GERMANY AND ITALY HAVE BOYCOTTED THE CONFERENCE, BUT JAPAN HAS SENT A REPRESENTATIVE.

M. AVENOL, IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE DID NOT REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND SO COULD FREELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

The meeting would be private, and only summaries of the proceedings would be published.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross stated the opinion that the list of 35 articles mentioned in the League Secretariat's memorandum was perhaps too restricted, and drew too much attention to colonial raw materials and neglected foodstuffs.

They should begin by making a list, including foodstuffs and materials necessary for maintenance of animals and industrial raw materials.

STATISTICS DEMANDED

They should make a statistical investigation of the materials list, especially in regard to world production, consumption and price movements in recent years.

They should also list production and consumption and imports and exports of each of the chief countries concerned, and for each country's raw materials.

He pointed out that the United Kingdom had no power over the economic policy of the Dominions.

Sir Frederick was of the opinion that the question could not be settled by any transfer of territory.

BRITISH VIEWS

He said the United Kingdom was always ready to encourage production within its colonies of raw materials desired by consumers not only in the British Empire but elsewhere, but it would be difficult for the British Government to go further.

He pointed out that in certain cases higher prices were paid by Great Britain for colonial produce than the world market price.

OPEN DOOR

Large investments of capital had also been necessary to open up the colonies, and any advantages received by the mother country in exchange were rarely obtained without reciprocity.

The policy of the open door might in certain cases harm development of the colony and even the welfare of the natives, and he did not think such a policy could be

applied to all countries without reciprocity.

Some countries which desired adoption of the open door in other States themselves practised a policy of restricting the circulation of goods and endeavoured to maintain an artificial level for their currency.

MONETARY BURDENS

The policy of the open door in the colonies must not be considered independently of the economic policy of the mother country.

If certain countries had difficulties in securing certain raw materials, it must be considered whether this was not due to their own economic and monetary policy, and he concluded that production of arti-

cial substitutes were a heavier burden on national economy than to the purchase of natural products, which inevitably resulted in lowering the standard of life of the people.

JAPAN'S NEEDS

Mr. Shudo, the Japanese delegate, said that for Japan the essential question was industrial raw materials.

The only raw material Japan possessed was raw silk.

Countries like Japan were always anxious to regard supplies of raw materials which were hampered by obstacles such as quotas, export restrictions and so forth, and endeavoured to save themselves by self-sufficiency, though he realised that this disturbed world economics.

ABOLITION OF RESTRICTION

Mr. Shudo thought that all restrictions on the export of raw materials should be abolished, as well as all endeavours to form monopolies of such commodities.

The further immigration of labour, technical skill and the capital of all countries and races into undeveloped territories, should be permitted with equality of treatment in the development of natural resources in these regions.

Finally he recommended the most serious consideration of the suppression of excessive barriers to trade.—Reuter.

JULEAN ARNOLD

Mr. Julian Arnold, who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning on board the President McKinley, left in the afternoon for Canton where he will be staying until Friday.

Mr. Arnold is Commercial Attache to the American Embassy in Peking and is in South China on a routine visit to study trade conditions.

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FRENCH DEFENCES

Into the intermittent discussion concerning French defences, which are now to be speeded up by a defence loan requiring appeals to patriotism in lieu of any clear national confidence in the Government's financial stability, M. Pierre Cot, the Air Minister, has imported a note of surprise. In a debate a week or two ago, M. de Kerillis quoted the figures of German strength in the air with which we have been made familiar in the speeches of Mr. Winston Churchill, and alleged that while the German machines are all of modern design, many of those of France are out of date. As the responsible Air Minister, M. Cot answers that France's first-line planes have been increased by 37 per cent. since June last, that French bombing capacity will be doubled by the spring and increased fivefold by the end of 1939. He adds that to compare the German bombers with the French machines was to liken the speed of a battleship to that of a destroyer. Only one nation, he claims, is stronger in the air than France, and that is Soviet Russia. That would be conclusive had not discussions in Britain and elsewhere illustrated the almost insuperable difficulty of obtaining agreement about figures where air strength is concerned. M. Cot has himself illuminated the obscurity by saying that when France had nominally 1,500 first-line machines she could actually have mobilised 4,000. And it is more than likely that were the truth known, Britain's capacity is on the same basis.

Through the whole course of recent discussions it has been made manifest that the French Government has been stirred to intense activity in strengthening the national defences by recent events on the Continent. Gen. Weygand, who has been a persistent critic, stated that the French air force was only "average" and could not place more than 1,000 machines in the front line. The Navy, in his view, had slowed down in construction and was little superior to those of Germany and Italy. He opposed as unsatisfactory in results the policy of nationalising the armament factories. While he found the Army "in an excellent condition, from every point of view," he claimed that it was handicapped by slow production of munitions, which would only be remedied by the appointment of a Minister responsible for supplies to all the

forces. All these points were put forward by various speakers during the debate in the Chamber. The replies of the different Ministers should be reassuring to the French people. M. Blum has shown himself sincerely wedded to peace; at the same time, he has not neglected the precaution of keeping his powder dry.

A Sentimental

Attachment

Several English newspapers these days run columns where heart-to-heart advice on sentimental subjects is given by "Aunt Matilda" or some such editorial assistant to those who say they are in need of it. The reported circumstances are often peculiar. But one has seldom seen presented for inspection quite such a perplexing problem as is reported to have arisen in a township of Missouri, U.S.A. Fortunately, the young woman who is involved seems to be quite capable of dealing with it without any advice from Aunt Matilda.

For two years a young man has been asking her to marry him, and to that she has steadfastly said "No." The obstinate swain has now chained himself to a radiator in the block of flats where the young woman lives and says he will remain there for a week unless she agrees to marry him. But the clear-sighted female still says "No," and has pointed out that, though it may be rather a nuisance to have him chained to a radiator for a week, if she did agree to marry him she would have him about the place for the rest of her life. And (she might have added), what is more, he would not be chained to the radiator but would be running around loose, when he would obviously be a much more serious source of irritation than he is in his present attached condition.

On the whole, one feels that the best advice which any Aunt Matilda could give to that young man would be to unchain himself and go home. The unimpressed object of his affections is altogether too cool and clear-sighted; she is not going to take an attachment to a radiator as any argument for an attachment to herself.

King And Empire

Parliaments

There has recently been announced a notable addition to the Coronation programme. On May 7 the King is to lunch in Westminster Hall with the Dominion Prime Ministers and members of the various Legislatures throughout the Dominions and the colonial Empire who will then be in London for the Imperial Conference and the Empire Parliamentary Conference. The occasion is being organised by the Empire Parliamentary Association, which is holding its conference in London in May just before the Coronation.

It should be a memorable scene — the King, symbol of Imperial unity in a sense more real than had ever been appreciated before last December, seated among the representatives of the free Parliaments of the Commonwealth in the great hall of William Rufus, the hoary physical witness to the long English tradition of freedom.

The Use Of Leisure In The East

IT is perhaps a commonplace in these days to say that—in England at any rate—the use of leisure is a problem which becomes daily more acute and urgent for an increasing number of people. There are two main reasons for this. One is, of course, the fact that we still have a great body of unemployed. It is reasonable to assume that a number of these men and women have never had much idea of the right and sensible use of their leisure. When their whole time becomes leisure time, so that there is in addition a gradual loss of the sense of useful citizenship and self-respect, we have a problem which requires much ingenuity for its solution. This is being brought to bear both by the State, in the form of vocational training-centres and camps for the unemployed, and by private individuals and societies. This work is valuable and vital in spite of the feeling that it is only palliative—merely scratching at the surface of a problem which is primarily economic, and thus (from a technical point of view) requiring expert knowledge and action for its solution. According to the economists, however, we must make up our minds to the fact that a large number of our people are unlikely ever to have any permanent employment under modern conditions.

Standard Of Living

The second reason is that throughout industry there is a gradual but perfectly definite shortening of the hours of work. It is becoming customary to say that, while our fathers (and, most of us are fond of adding, ourselves) had to work hard and long for their daily bread, our sons scarcely know what it is to work at all. Even if this is true, it is only the logical result of an inevitable process. The march of science has made it easier to produce such things as we need. Theoretically, the general standard of living is thereby raised. Man can produce with less effort, and this is reflected in the life of the individual. The contention put forward by those who have attempted from time to time to stem the tide of the mechanisation of industry is proved: the machine displaces the man. The corollary is not that we should abolish the machine and return to our former primitive state, but that we should find a creative use for the immense amount of new leisure thus forced upon our workers.

Sport In Hong Kong

The British worker in the East, however, usually lays claim to a standard of education and culture which enables him to make a much more intelligent use of his leisure than his less polished brother at home. Obviously this claim is well grounded. The Englishman is to be found engaged in a large number of eminently healthy and sane occupations. Sport is a major concern, and where, as in hot climates, it becomes a daily rule of life, it can always

be argued that this is essential in order to keep fit for long hours of work during the heat of the day. The term "sport" may be said to embrace many non-competitive activities, such as sailing for pleasure, bathing, hiking, flying or motoring: besides the numerous games which are played in the clubs. The Englishman abroad is to be found pursuing an almost infinite variety of hobbies, sometimes quite unknown to his friends. He runs things: community activities of all kinds—clubs, dances, societies, charities, church work. He takes his part in defending whatever territory he happens to be in. He also props up the bars and "beats it up" in the cabarets, though not so continuously or in such numbers as one is sometimes led to believe. He works hard and he plays hard, and on the whole he enjoys himself.

Sparkling Surprises

But to those who look a little deeper beneath the surface the position is not so satisfactory as it appears. To the young man coming East for the first time, the material aspects of life form a long series of sparkling surprises. In his office he is entrusted with more responsibility than he was at home, and this he values for its own sake and also for the increased financial reward which

it brings. His social position is immensely improved. In the shape of the clubs he has at hand resources for recreation previously beyond his reach. In all directions the shackles fall away, compensating and finally extinguishing the initial feeling of loneliness. And gradually material and artificial things come to make up his whole life, so that when he is an old and respected resident, with his circle of friends around him, he is often content never to return to his native land, and the East has become his home. But long before this many a man has realised that the soul's satisfaction is lacking. There is vast difference between enjoyment and happiness, and although he has secured the one he has not found the other, and is now caught up in a net from which there seems to be no escape.

Sense Of Purpose Lacking

At this point every reader who admits the truth of what has been written will probably be able to supply his own solution. It is easy to be conventional—especially from a religious standpoint—and easier still to be sweeping in recommending a remedy. The writer suggests that two things are lacking. One is a sense of proportion, and the other a sense of purpose.

The lack of the former is observ-

able in many directions. A lot of us are one-hobby men. To take the most outstanding example, the variety of sports available is so great that there is no difficulty at all in filling up all one's spare time with these alone. However hot the climate, to say that one must have violent exercise every day is not merely an exaggeration, it is simply not true: though a reasonable and regular amount is required. But to fill up one's leisure entirely with sport is just as much a form of stagnation as the perpetual reading of magazine fiction.

The sense of purpose is more elusive, especially as it is not in itself capable of solving the problem. If it is lacking in the sense of proportion, or if it is wholly selfish, it is not likely to lead us far on the road to happiness. The kind of balance which is so desirable is, in fact, not so much a wide diversity of activities as an avoidance of self-centredness. We have to seek some form of leisure-occupation which is at once constructive and will lead a man to higher preoccupations than himself—in other words, some form of service to a group of people or to a cause.

A Bid For Services

Appeals to take up social service are usually made by those who are interested in getting some particular piece of work done, either by individuals or by means of an organisation formed for the purpose. It is unfortunately true that although European communities abroad support a great number of societies and charities, to which a high percentage of the residents subscribe, the actual work necessary to maintain them is usually done by a very few. The churches, as in duty bound, encourage service as an integral part of the Christian religion. Other societies also include it in their programme. The Toc H movement as is well known, is based very largely on this idea. As Toc H is a Christian society this follows as a matter of course, but it is here carried to greater lengths than elsewhere, in that some form of service is made an indispensable condition of membership. And this insistence arises, at any rate in part, from the realisation that for true satisfaction in life a just balance must be struck between the multifarious activities which claim one's allegiance. Toc H exists, not primarily to get social work done, but to promote the idea of doing it as an essential part of the Christian way of life.

Within this movement, and in others like it to a greater or lesser degree, many men have found what they were seeking. It would be a mistake to devote all one's leisure time and energy to social service, to the exclusion of the other interests which go to make up life, just as it is to devote it all to sport or any other single occupation. But there is bound to be something wanting in a life which does not include some real constructive attempt to help others.—M. B. E. in St. John's Review.

They Look To Gracie Now!

Everybody wants to laugh. But to-day in the cinema audiences only titter and giggle. There is much less hilarity now than there was a few years ago.

Is it because people are more difficult to amuse these days? Or is it because fewer comedians are coming up?

There is need for broad comedy as distinct from light or sophisticated comedy.

Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd used to supply it regularly. They never failed to bring out the bellows.

Chaplin still functions, but one epic every three years is not enough to satisfy hearty chortlers. Harold Lloyd takes months longer to make a talkie than he did to make a silent. Buster Keaton seems to have faded right away.

Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn had a good innings. So did Laurel and Hardy. Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge have raised their share of mirth.

But British comedians, you must note, rarely succeed with Eastern audiences. Their humour is ap-

parently too local.

It seems according to latest news from the production field that we must look to Gracie Fields for a humorist to compare with the famous old brigade.

Hollywood, sensing the universal demand for genuine, uproarious comics, have signed her up with the idea of putting her over on a big scale.

It will be interesting to see how the United States reach to her brilliant artistry.

But there is yet no sign of a Chaplin of the talkies.

Clark Gable revealed clever comedy sense in "Love On The Run." And this method is, at the moment, Hollywood's only way of coping with the shortage of fun makers with international appeal.

It was for instance, not a bad move to set up William Powell and Carole Lombard as a comedy team in "My Man Godfrey."

But putting artists of this class into light comedy does not solve the problem as satisfying those requiring greater gusto in humour.



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AGREEMENT REACHED IN LONDON: GERMAN PAYMENT PROBLEM SHELVED TEMPORARILY

London, To-day.

The meeting of the non-intervention committee yesterday approved the scheme of observation of the Spanish land and sea frontiers, and Lord Plymouth, the chairman, announced that naval observation would begin on Saturday, March 13.

ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IT WAS AGREED THAT BESIDES THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTIES TO THE NON-INTERVENTION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD WHICH WOULD CARRY OUT THE SCHEME.

The committee would now examine the question of prohibiting other forms of indirect intervention, including any form of financial aid to either party in Spain, and the entry into Spain of any non-Spanish persons for any purpose likely to prolong or embitter the conflict.

It would also consider the possibility of arranging the withdrawal from Spain of all non-Spaniards engaged in the conflict.

GERMAN COMPLAINT

From Berlin comes a report that German bankers are complaining of the sum required from Germany for participation in the control scheme.

It is thought that the Reich will be expected to pay the sum of £12,000 a month for the period of one year, which banking circles in Berlin consider far too great.

It is declared that the Reich Government would be willing to place the sum of £2,000 at the dis-

posal of the non-intervention committee, and pay a total sum of £12,000.

GOODS IN LIEU?

Should a higher contribution be necessary, the question should be met whether the extra sum could not be met by the delivery of goods.

Should the other powers agree to such a proposal, it is suggested in Berlin that an international conference of the nations participating in sea control be called for the purpose of early settlement of the question.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

An official communique says it was agreed to add to the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Russia, three other representatives to form a Board, to whom will be entrusted the responsibility of carrying out the scheme of observation. Further meeting of Committee will be held later this week for purpose of appointing principal officials under the supervision scheme.



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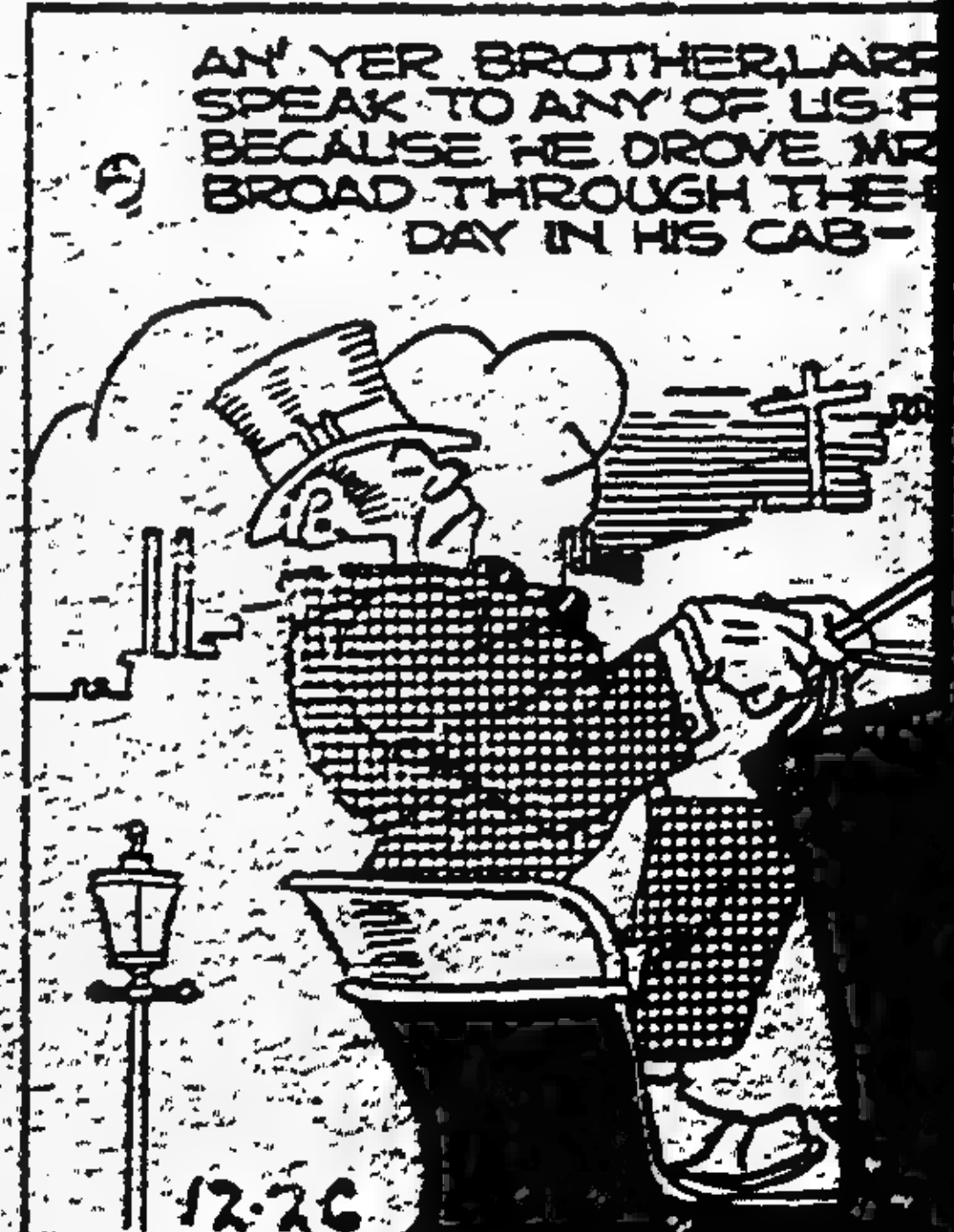
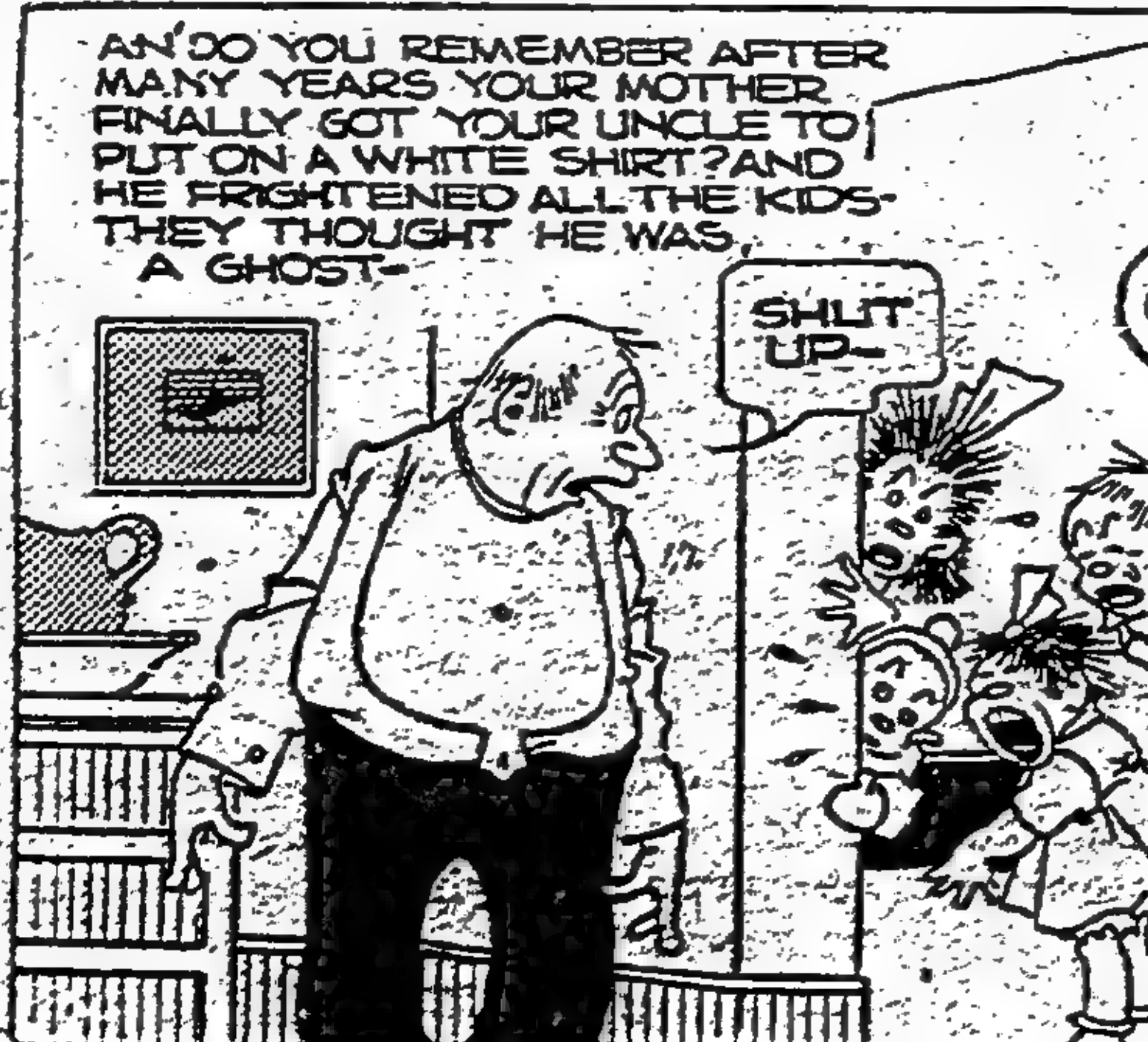
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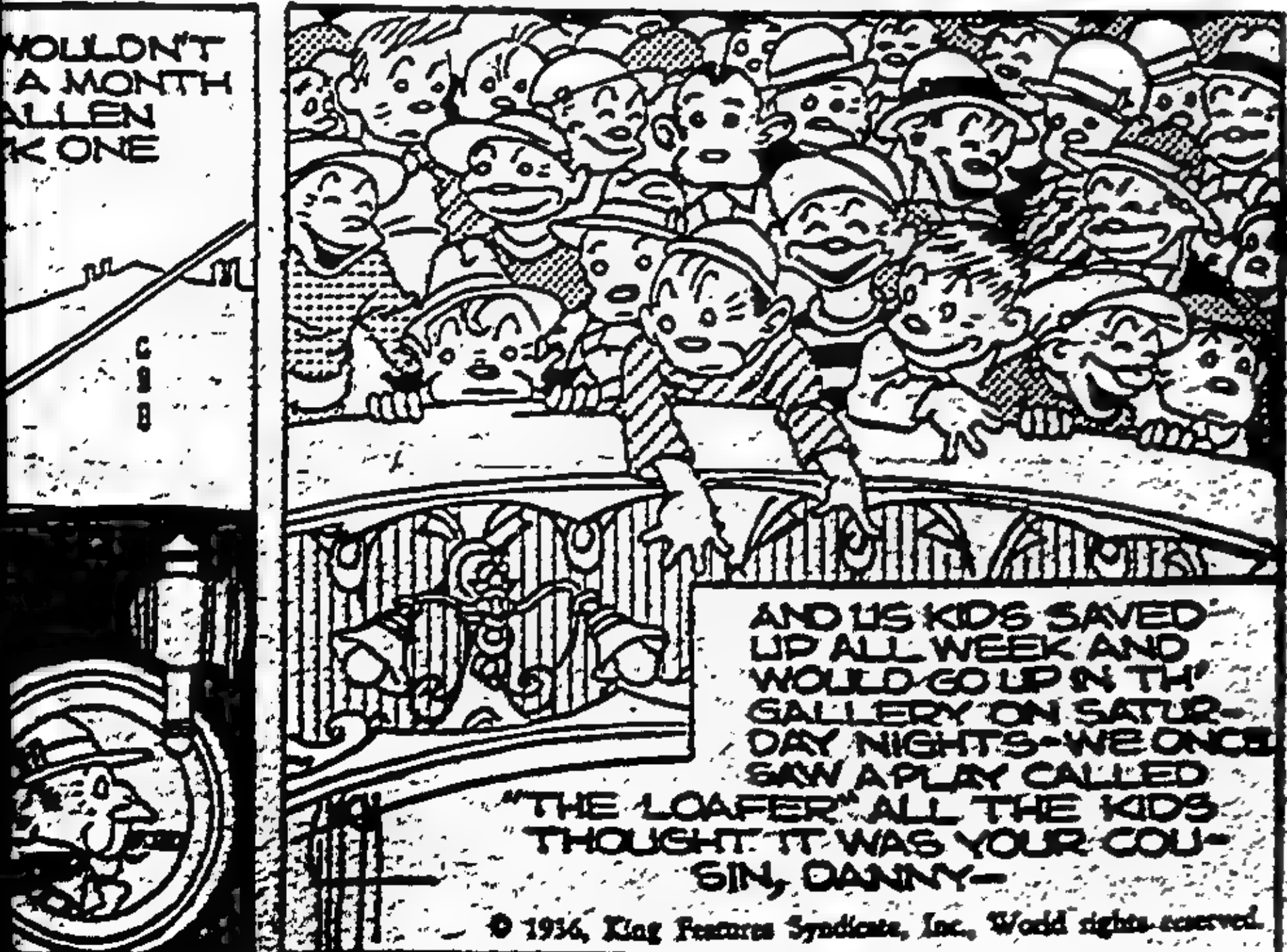


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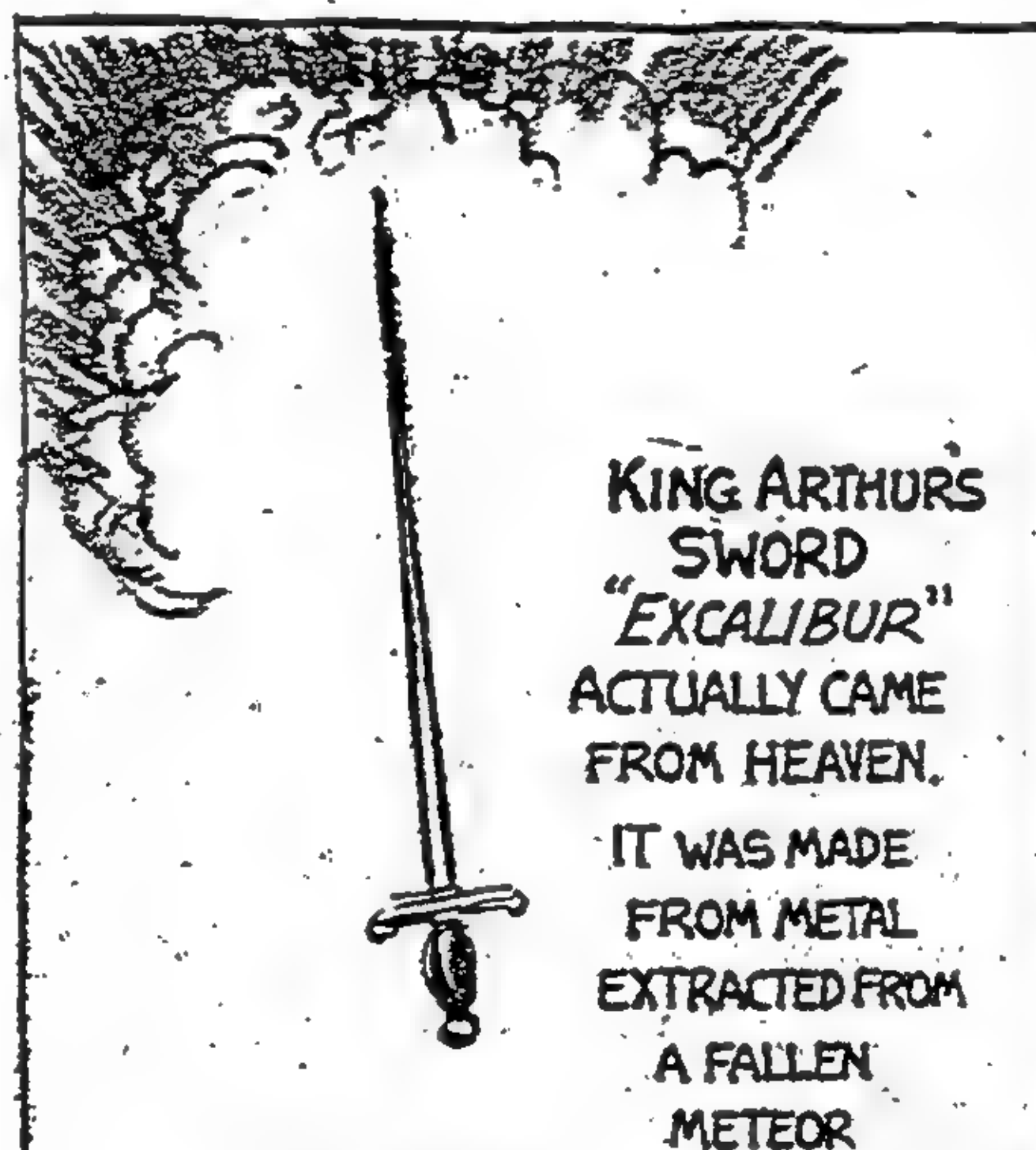
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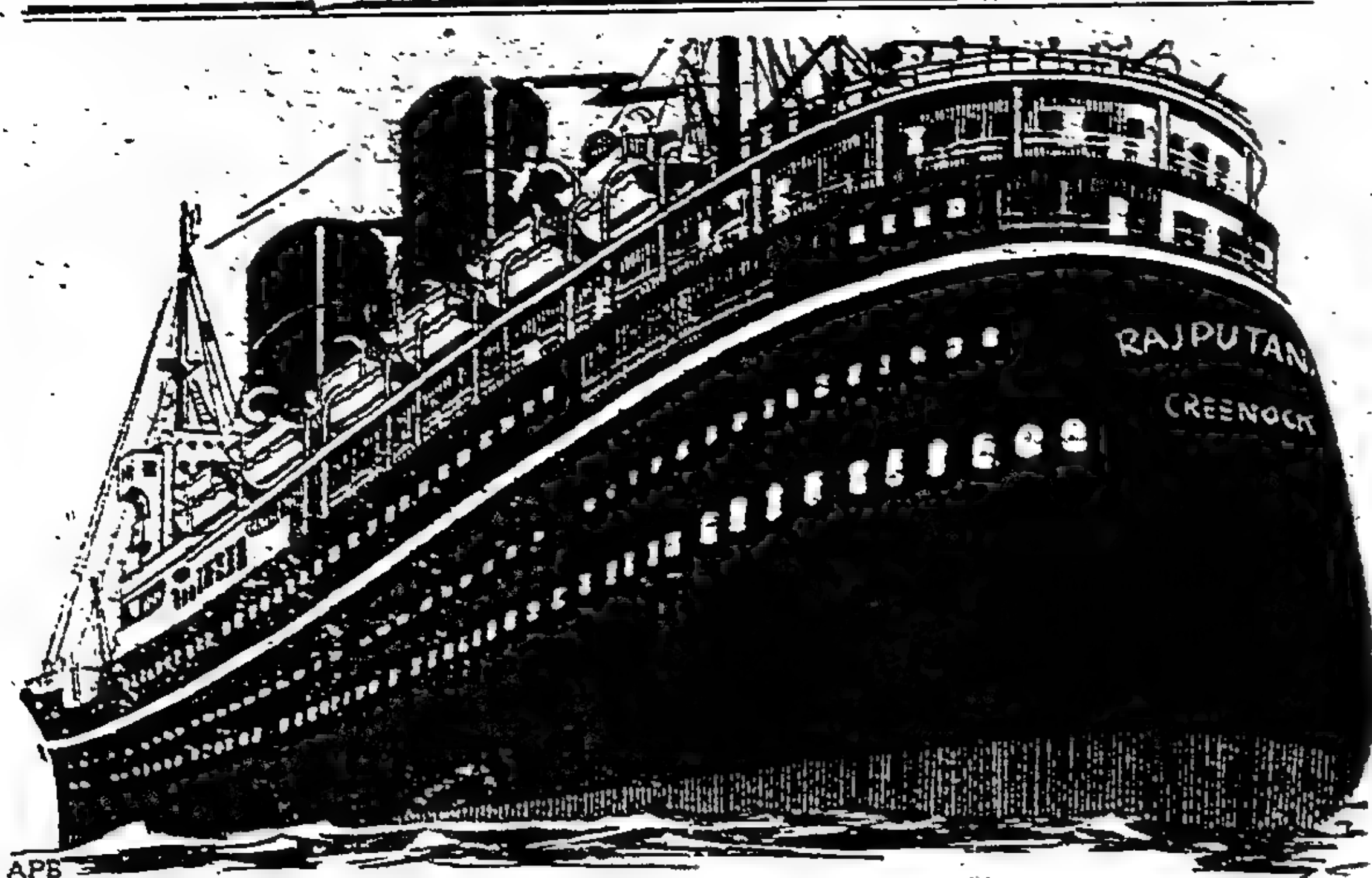
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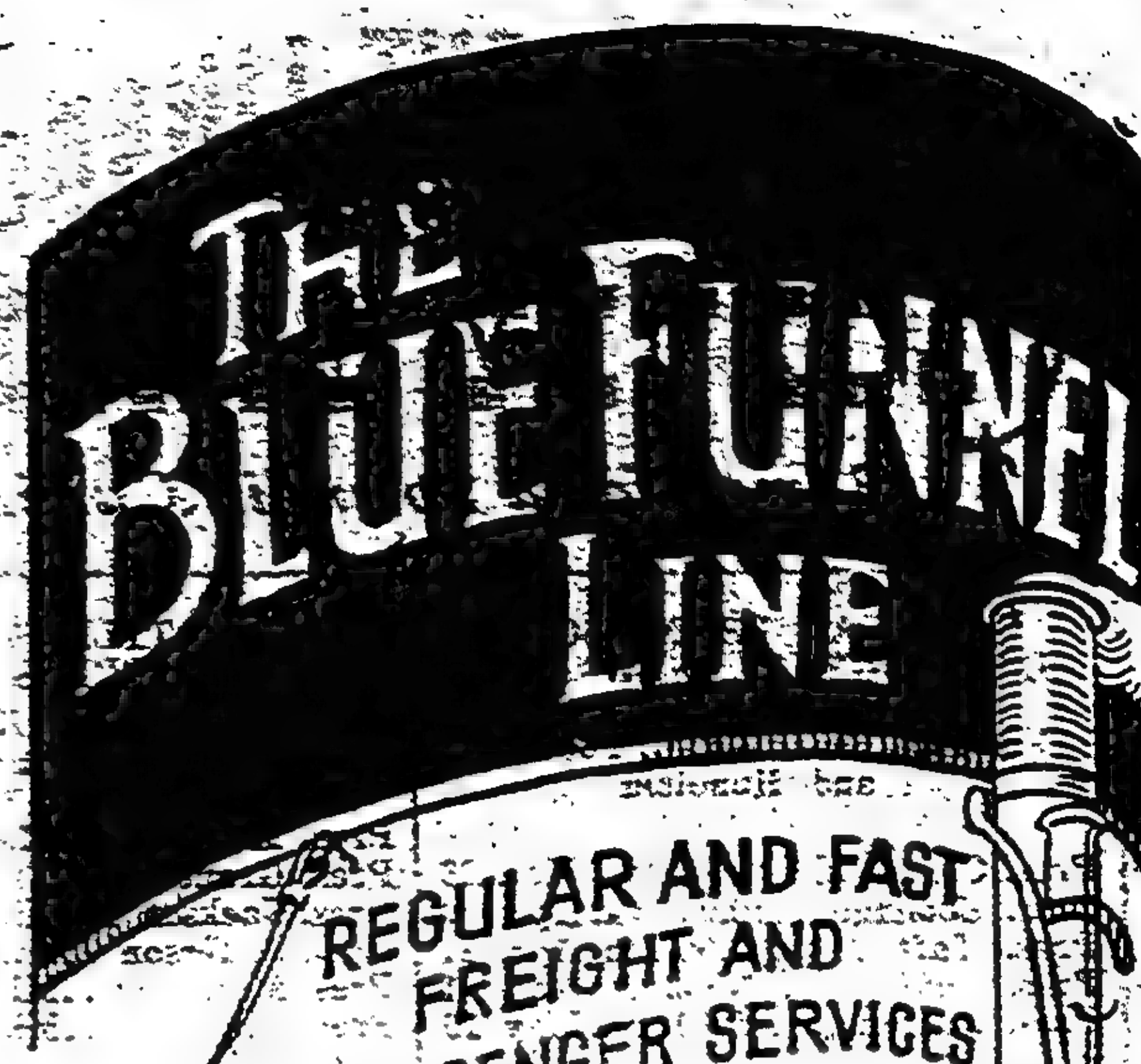
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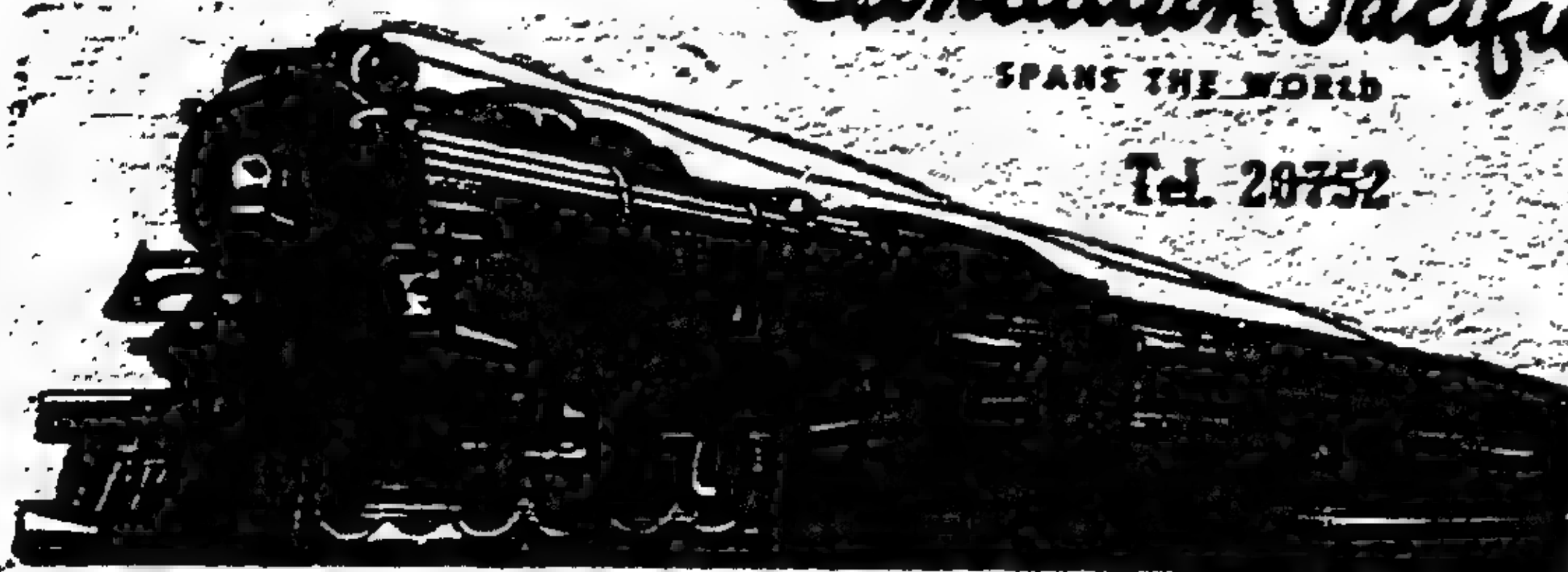
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LOCAL DOLLAR

Slight Fall In Silver Price

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20 13/16 and "forward" at 20 1/4.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$18795.

OLIVE OIL EXPORT BAN LIKELY

Lisbon, To-day.

Portugal's exports of olive oil are likely to decrease considerably in the near future.

The Spanish civil war is responsible. The war has made it difficult to obtain the oil, of which the shortage in Portugal itself is becoming marked.

Now the Government intends to place an embargo on exports of the oil should home consumption be jeopardized.

Portuguese possessions and Brazil, however, will not be affected.—Trans-Ocean.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 37-3/4 b. Down 1/4.

Apr/June 38 b. Down 1/2.

July/Sept. 38-1/2 b. Down 1/2.

Oct./Dec. 38-1/4 b. Down 1/2.

Market: Think Decline Only Temporary.

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, To-day.

A strong undertone prevailed at the opening of the stock exchange yesterday, the investing public showing more interest than for some time past.

Prices were influenced by reports of a more promising business outlook.—Trans-Ocean.

NEWSPAPER PRICES GOING UP

Paris, To-day.

The rise in the price of paper is affecting newspapers all over the Continent.

In France the Association of Parisien Newspapers has given its consent to an increase in the selling price of French newspapers.

"Le Jour" has already raised its

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1855/1865 sa.

Bank of East Asia \$85 b.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$310 sa.

Union Ins. \$627 sa.

SHIPPING

H. K. Steamboats \$9 1/2 b.

Union Waterboats \$10 s.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
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H.K. and K. Wharves \$115 b.

H. K. and W. Docks \$26 sa.

Providents (Old) \$1.95 b., \$1.95/2 sa.

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Ranb's \$13 1/4 b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.40 b., \$8.35/-

45 sa.

H.K. Realities \$5 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$14.10 b.

Peak Trams (Old) \$4 1/4 b.

Star Ferries \$86 b., \$86 sa.

China Lights (Old) \$14 1/4 b., \$14/-

14.10 sa.

China Lights (New) \$11.10 b., \$11.10

sa.

H. K. Electrics \$60 sa.

Telephones (New) \$11 1/2 b., \$11.80

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Telephones (Old) \$30 sa.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$11.85 b., \$11.70/90 sa.

H. K. Ropes \$3 1/2 b.

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Opening B. Sa.

10 a.m. L. L.

in Pesos C. C.

Antamoks	1.45
Atoks	.46
Baguio Gold	.27 1/2
Balatoc Mining	.14 1/4
Benguet Consol.	.14
Benguet Explor.	.15 1/2
Big Wedge	.32
Coco Grove	.66
Consolidated Mines	.046
Demonstrations	.39
E. Mindanao	.34
Gumaus G'field	.48
Ipo Gold	.28
L. X. L.	1.40
Itogons	1.49
Masbate Consol.	.43 1/2
Min. Resources	.40
Northern Mining	.12 1/2
Paracale Gumaus	.67
Salacot Mining	.07
San Mauricio	.280
Suyoc Consol.	.41 1/2
United Paracales	.98

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In Italy the same conditions exist. The newspapers are increasing their subscription rates by fifty per cent. while the price of periodicals will be raised by 33 1/3 per cent. — Trans-Ocean.



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CHINA MERCHANTS
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Total earnings for 1936, which include receipts from the operation of wharves and godowns and other receipts, besides the operating revenue, is \$11,110,407.38, and represents an increase of \$1,817,787.41 over the 1935 earnings of \$9,292,619.97. Expenditures for 1936 remain comparatively the same as those for 1935, being, respectively, \$9,555,618.54 and \$9,156,817.24. The net profit for 1936 is \$952,343.55, which exceeds that of \$296,003.27 for 1935 by \$656,340.28.

JAPAN SHIPPING
GOLD

A "considerable part" of Japan's gold reserves of G.Y.555,275,000 will be shipped abroad next month for exchange into foreign currencies, Japanese Treasury officials have revealed.

The exact amount to be shipped was not revealed, although it was admitted that further shipments of newly-mined gold will be made "whenever necessary."

The decision to ship the gold was reached at conferences between the Treasury and the Bank of Japan and the Yokohama Specie Bank.

The gold will be deposited in foreign banks on the account of the Government and will be exchanged for foreign currency by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Treasury officials predicted that the nation's gold reserves would be increased by Y.200,000,000 before the end of this year through increased production of the precious metal.

The gold shipped abroad will apparently be used as a stabilization fund, to maintain yen exchange at the rate of 1s. 2d.

JAPAN AND RAW
MATERIALSMore Territory Is
Needed

"If we had more territory, we would be able to exploit and cultivate it efficiently," a spokesman of the Gaimusho said in the course of a statement dealing with the forthcoming Geneva deliberations on raw materials.

Japan, the official emphasized, is usually classified as a "have-not" nation. The Japanese, he added, have proved themselves capable of developing the resources of the land they owned. Japan's limited territory, he declared, is too small to feed her teeming population.

The spokesman revealed that the Japanese Government has no objection to the acceptance by Mr. Yasundo Sudo, Commercial Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, of his appointment by the League of Nations as a member of the special committee on raw materials which will open its deliberations in Geneva on March 8. It was emphasized that Mr. Sudo, although serving on the committee as its Japanese member, will do so in his private capacity.

The spokesman said he could not understand why Italy and Germany refused to be represented on the League's committee.

Gaimusho officials believed that Mr. Sudo will voice at the forthcoming discussions the view expressed by Mr. Hachiro Arita, former Foreign Minister, in his speech before the Diet on January 21.

Statistics released by the Ministry of Finance revealed that the revenue of the Tientsin Customs, including Lungkow and Weihaiwei, amounted to \$35,518,115, which showed a decrease of \$5,570,835 as compared with the revenue for 1935. The Chinwangtao Customs, including the Customs stations along the Great Wall, yielded \$1,235,971. As compared with the figure for 1935 this was a decrease of \$192,339.

An increasing volume of bills have appeared on the London money market recently, covering the financing of business with China. This development is of particular interest, says the "Evening Standard." China, as one of the primary producers, is gaining from the rise in commodity prices; also the country is showing much more stability.

MACARONI FOR
HONG KONG

An extensive industry in the production of macaroni, vermicelli, noodles and spaghetti is being developed in Canada with production in 1935 amounting to 33,707,013 lbs.

Of this total nearly five and a half million pounds were exported, the United Kingdom taking 4,161,504 lbs., New Zealand 335,383 lbs., Japan 223,840 lbs., Hong Kong 186,752 and a small quantity going to the United States.

In the first nine months of 1936 exports reached the total of 9,398,715 lbs. so that figures for the year will be well over double the 1935 total.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—

Prev. Yesterday
Closing Closing

New York Cotton:

March	14.02	13.86
May	13.60	13.46
July	13.44	13.28
October	13.05	12.85
December	12.97	12.81
January	13.00	12.85
Spot	14.18	14.05

New York Rubber:

March	22.85n	22.60n
May	23.07	22.71
July	23.16	22.89
September	23.25	22.95
December	23.30	23.00

Chicago Wheat:

May	135½	136
July	117	118½
September	114	115½

Chicago Corn:

May	108½	109
July	103½	104½
September	97½	97½

Winnipeg Wheat:

May	128½	128½
July	124½	124½
October	113	113½

Despite the widespread smuggling during last July, August and September the Customs revenue for the period from July 1 to December 31 in 1936 reached \$190,000,000, exceeding the estimated figure of \$180,000,000 for the first half of the 25th fiscal year.

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY



S. Fowler, above, will be seen on the right-wing of the local England International hockey team to-day against Scotland on the U.S.R.C. ground.



C. Parker, of the Police, above, will be seen at left-half for England against Scotland to-day in the local International hockey tournament.

FIRST ROUND TIES THIS AFTERNOON ENGLAND SHOULD WIN AGAINST SCOTLAND WALES FAVOURED IN REMAINING TIE

(By "STICKS")

ALL interest in the local hockey world is now centred on the local International Tournament, the First Round of which will be held this afternoon when England meets Scotland on the U.S.R.C. ground, and Ireland meets Wales on the H.K.S.R.A. ground, both matches being scheduled to commence at 5 p.m. sharp.

THE BIG MATCH OF THE DAY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE FORMER, AND THE SCOTS ARE EXPECTED TO FULLY EXTEND THE POWERFUL ENGLAND SIDE, WHO ARE FAVOURED TO WIN. THE ENGLAND DEFENCE IS A VERY STRONG ONE, AND I DO NOT THINK THE SCOTLAND ATTACK IS FAST ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH THE FORMER'S INTERMEDIATE LINE, WHICH INCLUDES TWO INTERPORT STARS IN SPR. BROWN AND PARKER.

With the exception of a few players, Scotland's team is comprised mostly of players from the Seaforth Highlanders. Howlett, an Interport trial custodian, will keep goal while Henderson, a veteran hand, with the Y.M.C.A. team, and S. MacNider, of the C.B.A., will form the full-back division. These two should combine well as the former is very steady and is a powerful hitter.

The Scots' intermediate line has been taken exclusively from the Seaforths and should combine well against the opposition attack. Wallace, of the Air Force, and Austin, of the "Y", are two sound Scots' forwards, who should cause much worry to the English defence, especially as both are the bustling type of player.

England's full-back division is comprised of Guest, who distinguished himself in the Interport match against Macau last Sunday, and Lt. Stileman, of the Navy, who was the Interport reserve-back.

FORMIDABLE ATTACK

The England attack is a very strong one, S. Fowler and G. H. Fowler forming a formidable right-wing combination which looks for goals, while Wright and Garthwaite are also a very dangerous pair with V. Bond as a sound left-winger.

On the current form, England should emerge the winners, although they will probably have to go all out to achieve this end.

The remaining encounter this evening is between Wales and Ireland, and both these teams have been drawn almost exclusively from the Welsh Fusiliers and the Rifles. On current form the latter should enter the Second Round. Cox, of the Signals, is an acquisition to the Welsh attack and should combine well with Vaughan, his leader.

The following are some of the teams:

England:—Benwell (Club); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Lt. Stileman (Navy); Spr. Brown (R. Engineers), Lt. Davies (Navy) and C. Parker (Police); S. A. Fowler (Club), G. H. Fowler (Club), Lt. Wright (Navy), Lt. Garthwaite (R.A.) and V. Bond (Club). Reserves:—S. A. Tremlett (Y.M.C.A.) (full-back); R. A. Bates (Club) and W. A. Reed (Club) (half-backs); Lt. Wraith (Navy), J. Pennell (Police) and Lt. Battersby (Navy) (forwards). Scotland:—Spr. Howlett (R.E.); R. Henderson ("Y") and S. MacNider (C.B.A.); Sgt. Meeks (Sea); Capt. S. J. Ritchie (Sea); and Cpl. Cumming.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DRAW

Portugal And India In Second Round

The draw for the first round in the International Hockey Tournament has resulted as follows:

Ireland v. Wales (H.K.S.R.A. ground), to be played on Tuesday, March 9, at 5 p.m.

England v. Scotland (U.S.R.C. ground), to be played on Tuesday, March 9, at 5 p.m.

Portugal and India drew byes, and China has withdrawn from the competition owing to the difficulty of raising a team.

ham (Sea.); L/Cpl. Aberdeen (Sea.), Sgt. Dunn (Sea.), Flight Lieut. Wallace (R.A.F.), Austin ("Y") and E. MacNider (St. A.). Reserves:—2nd/Lieut. Douglas, Blacker, J. T. K. Gilchrist (Club) and Pte Mackenzie (Sea.).

Wales:—Fus. Reid; L/Corpl. Palmer and Fus. Wheeler; Fus. Jones, Corpl. Sharpe, Fus. Tucker; Sergt. Dandy (R.W.F.), Sign. Cox (R.C.S.), Fus. Vaughan, Captain Gwyder-Jones, and Fus. Roberts (R.W.F.). Reserves:—Sergt. Morgan (R.C.S.) and Fus. Connor (R.W.F.).

LATEST COUNTRY CLUB GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results of the Captain's Cup and Ladies Cup Golf competitions at the Country Golf Club:

Captain's Cup
A. J. Kew beat C. E. Roza-Pereira, 2 and 1.

H. Kew beat A. H. Castro 4 and 3.
A. W. Roza w.o. A. G. Suffad.

S. D. Fong beat S. J. Fong, 6 and 4.
W. G. Williams beat F. J. Remedios, 7 and 5.

B. Bosto beat J. J. Bosto, 1 up.
B. Alves beat C. Kew, 2 and 1.

Ladies Cup
Miss Bosto beat Mrs. da Roza, 4 and 2.
Miss Abiong beat Miss Williams, 1 and 5.

JUNIOR BILLIARDS TITLE

ANTONIO BEATS A. A. LEWIS

A LUCKY DOUBLE

An exciting billiards final was witnessed last night between A. A. Lewis and L. A. Antonio, at the Civil Service Cricket Club, when the latter won by 7 points in a game of 500 up to win the Junior Open Billiards Championship.

The winner led throughout the game, and at the 400 mark was 120 ahead of Lewis, but the latter considerably reduced his arrears and was only one point behind at 425.

A break of 30, aided by a 13 and two 11's brought Antonio to within 5 points of winning, but Lewis, with breaks of 30 and 15, took his score to 493.

EXCITING FINISH

The finish was most exciting. Antonio, with only two points for a win, missed an off red, but managed to "double it" for 3, the ball remaining at the jaw for a split second, before dropping into the pocket to give him the championship.

The game started at a fast rate of scoring, and Antonio with a break of 77, the highest in the competition, reached his first 100 with an average of 10 points in 17 minutes.

Antonio's breaks were 77, 31, 35, 20, and 22, while Lewis' highest was a 35 and others were 32, 21 and 20.

The final of the Senior section between A. J. Osmund and Lam Cho-cha will be played this evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The game will be 1,000 up and will be played in two sessions, the first commencing at 5.30 p.m. and the second at 9 p.m.

SCOTS' RUGBY TEAM TO MEET ENGLAND XV

London, Yesterday.

The Scottish Rugby football team to meet England on March 20 on the Murrayfield ground at Edinburgh will be as follows:

Marshall; C. A. S. Johnson, Dick Macrae; R. Shaw, Ross, Logan; Henderson, Gray, Inglis, Horsburgh Melville, Young, Waters, G. Shaw, Renter.

RECREIO "A" CONTINUE IN WINNING VEIN

Last Night's League Badminton

F. LANCES CONCEDE WALK-OVER

On their own court last night, at Bridges Street, the Chinese "Y" were beaten by 7 games to 2 by Recreio "A", in the Men's Doubles Badminton League.

Sparkling performances were given by P. H. and T. W. Wong, and F. Koh and T. J. Ong, who greatly extended their visitors. These two pairings each won a game from H. A. Alves and E. de Sousa.

The University "A" received a walk-over from the Free Lances, but the fixture between University "B" and the Chinese Recreation Club was postponed.

In the "B" Division of the League, King's College received a walk-over from the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

Results of last night's match are as follows:

P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")
lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 17-21
beat H. A. Alves and E. da Souza 21-16
lost to M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 17-21
F. Koh and T. J. Ong (Chinese "Y")
lost to Carvalho and Silva 7-21
beat Alves and Souza 21-4
lost to Oliveira and Remedios 16-21
C. E. Chng and H. Boon (Chinese "Y")
lost to Carvalho and Silva 14-21
lost to Alves and Souza 19-21
lost to Oliveira and Remedios 10-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

"A" Division				
	P.	W.	L.	F.A. Pts.
Recreio "A"	11	10	1	79.20 20
University "A"	9	9	0	54 9 13
Recreio "B"	9	5	4	31 41 10
C.R.C.	12	5	7	47 51 10
Chinese "Y"	7	4	3	37 26 8
University "B"	9	3	6	29 51 6
St. Andrew's "A"	12	3	9	43 63 6
Free Lances	11	1	10	25 65 2

NO HOCKEY FOR "Y" LADIES

Owing to the uncertain weather conditions and the state of the ground, there will be no hockey for the "Y" Ladies this afternoon.

Mrs. Kew beat Mrs. Bosto, 4 and 2.
Mrs. D'Almada beat Mrs. Castro 7 and 5.

TO-DAY'S LAWN TENNIS TIES POSTPONED

Due to the heavy over-night rain, the courts of the Hong Kong Cricket Club are in a sodden state and unfit for play, and as a result all to-day's championship and H.K.C.C. matches have been unavoidably postponed.

NO TENNIS YESTERDAY

Owing to the wet weather, the matches for the Open Tennis Championships arranged for yesterday were not played.

F.A. CUP SEMI-FINAL ROUND - DRAW

Millwall Held In League Match

London, Yesterday.

The following is the draw for the F. A. Cup Semi-Finals which will be played on April 4.

Wolverhampton or Sunderland v. Millwall.

West Bromwich Albion v. Preston N. E. (On the Arsenal Ground).

If Wolverhampton win the replay the semi-final will be played at Liverpool. If Sunderland win it will be played at Huddersfield.

In a Third Division (South) match played yesterday, Millwall, who are in the Semi-Final Round of the F. A. Cup, were held to a goalless draw at home by Notts. County.—Reuter.

LINCOLNSHIRE GRAND NATIONAL LATEST BETTING

London, Yesterday.

The following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire Handicap:

Monte Sano, 100 to 7, t and o
Takemy, 15 to 1 o, 100 to 6 t
Laureat 100 to 6
Nipaway, 100 to 6
Edgehill, 18 to 1
Volturn, 20 to 1, t and o
Scotch Rout, 20 to 1, t and o
Judo, 20 to 1 o, 22 to 1 t
Lost Scent, 28 to 1
Pricket, 33 to 1 t and o

Grand National

The following prices were offered yesterday for the Grand National:

Ready Cash, 12 to 1, t and o
Royal Mail, 100 to 8 o, 100 to 7 t
Golden Miller, 100 to 8 o, 13 to 1 t
De la Chance, 100 to 7, t and o
Didoric, 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t
Puckabellie, 15 to 1 o, 100 to 6 t
Ego, 20 to 1 o
Spionaud, 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t
Misdemeanour, 28 to 1, t and o
Pencraik, 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t
What Have You, 50 to 1, t and o

—Reuter.

IRELAND HOCKEY TEAM FOR TO-DAY'S MATCH

The following will present Ireland against Wales in this afternoon's local International hockey encounter on the H.K.S.R.A. ground:—

L/Cpl. Boyd (R.U.R.); Lt. Wilson (R.U.R.) and L/Cpl. Ray (R.E.); L/Cpl. Moore (R.U.R.); Rfl. Boston (R.U.R.); Sgt. Hayden (R.U.R.); Bagl. Stevens (R.U.R.); Rfm. Nolan (R.U.R.); Capt. Ryland (R.U.R.); Lt. I. C. Harris (R.U.R.) and Wall (Police).

SAPPERS LEAD GUNNERS IN TWO-DAY MATCH

Barron And Michell
Shine With Ball

LOW SCORING AT KOWLOON C.C.

The wet state of the wicket, precluded any high scoring on the first day of a two day cricket fixture between the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers which is being played on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, commencing yesterday.

The Gunners had first lease of the wicket and collapsed badly before consistent bowling by the opposition. Barron returned the best analysis, capturing 4 for 25.

The Sappers fared slightly better and just managed to reach the century, thanks to an innings of 37 by Q.M.S. Eaton, and 23 by Spr. Hoddinott, Capt. Michell, swinging the ball a great deal, returned the excellent analysis of 8 for 47 in 15.5 overs.

Weather permitting, the match was to be continued at 10 a.m. to-day.

Scores:

R.A.—1st Innings	
Bdr. Baker, b Moreton	9
Sgt. Howe, played on, b Lt. Barron	0
Gnr. Chaplin, c Warr, b Goodger	17
Lt. Garthwaite, c Hoddinott, b Lt. Barron	2
Capt. Michell, c Hurst, b Lt. Barron	0
Lt. Marson, st Warr, b Collins	22
Bdr. Wiles, b Lt. Barron	5
Bdr. Sumner, c Shipp, b Hurst	1
Bdr. Bancroft, b Hurst	0
Gnr. Marshall, c Hoddinott, b Collins	0
Gnr. Sutham, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	62

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Barron	11	4	25	4
Q.M.S. Moreton	6	3	11	1
Goodger	3	1	3	1
Collins	4.2	1	10	2
Hurst	3	0	9	2

R.E.—1st Innings

Sgt. Daniels, b Capt. Michell	2
Q.M.S. Moreton, c Baker, b Lt. Garthwaite	12
Sgt. Collins, b Capt. Michell	3
Sgt. Goodger, c Sumner, b Capt. Michell	0
Q.M.S. Eaton, c Garthwaite, b Capt. Michell	37
Lt. Barron, b Capt. Michell	2
Cpl. Shipp, b Capt. Michell	10
Spr. Hoddinott, c Bancroft, b Capt. Michell	23
Cpl. Hurst, c Latham, b Michell	7
Q.M.S. Warr, c Howe, b Bdr. Baker	3
Spr. Bradford, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	100

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Garthwaite	13	5	36	1
Capt. Michell	15.5	3	47	8
Bdr. Baker	3	0	16	1

K.C.C. TEAM FOR NEXT SATURDAY'S VITAL MATCH

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in their League cricket match next Saturday against the Indian F.C.—

F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson, A. W. Ramsey, S. Jex, F. A. Broadbridge, B. D. Lay, C. B. R. Sargent and N. A. E. Mackay.

A victory for the Indians will give them the championship, while a draw will ensure a replay with the Club provided the latter secure full points from Craighengower.



A recent pose of Max Baer, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, whose fight with Walter Neusel, of Germany, at the Harringay Stadium, London, has been vetoed by the British Boxing Board of Control.

K.B.G.C. REPORT STATES CLUB IN SOUND POSITION

But Slight Loss In
Working Account

BOWLS SUCCESSES

The thirty-seventh annual general meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held in the Club-house on Tuesday, March 16, 1937, at 6 p.m.

The Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 1936, reveal a slight loss in the Working Account, but the finances of the Club are in a very sound condition.

Depressed conditions in the Colony during the past year are reflected in reduced entrance fees, subscriptions and bar profits.

The Report further states: Membership.—Twenty-seven new members joined, three were reinstated, and 31 resigned or were struck off for various reasons.

The membership is now: 8 Life Members, 3 Honorary Members, 155 Ordinary Members and 55 Seagoing Members, a total of 221 members.

Bowls Competitions

A team was entered in each division of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls League, the Club securing third place in the 1st Division and again winning the Championship of the 2nd Division.

In the Colony open events Messrs. R. Duncan and S. Randle won the pairs competition and Mr. S. Randle also skipped the successful England Team in the International Competition.

BOYS' AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

The Fusilier Boys drew with Wah Yan College in the Boys' Amateur Football League at Prince Edward Road last Saturday. Lardner scored both the Fusilier goals, while Wah Yan equalised late in the second period. On the Central British School ground yesterday, St. Joseph's beat the Central British School by a solitary goal.

TIENTSIN SOCCER XI FOR S'HAH

TO PLAY IN THREE
MATCHES

REPUTED TO BE VERY STRONG

Shanghai, March 7.

The Shanghai Football Association is busy completing arrangements for the visit of Tientsin's soccer team during the Easter holidays. With the Interport match only three weeks away, a proposed fixture list has already been drawn up by the S.F.A.

The Northerners expect to leave Tientsin on March 22, arriving here two days later and starting on their return journey on March 29. They will play a series of three matches while in Shanghai, though in the event of the Interport match being drawn or rain interfering with the fixtures, the programme will be altered.

The Interport match will be held on Good Friday, March 26, at the Canidrome. Tientsin against a combined Chinese side on the following day, Saturday, March 27, at the Yenping Road Stadium, and the final game against the Combined Services on Monday March 29, also at the Canidrome.

FIVE MATCHES

At present five matches have been played between the two ports, Tientsin winning three, Shanghai one and one match being drawn. The latter occurred in 1934, when a triangular Interport between Hong Kong, Tientsin and Shanghai was held here.

Tientsin, according to reports will be represented by a strong side.

D. R. JARDINE OPPOSED TO NEW L.B.W. RULE

London, February 12.

D. R. Jardine, the former England captain, declared himself "an open and confessed opponent" of the new L.b.w. rule at the Club Cricket Conference in London last night. The new rule, he fears, will destroy the ambition in young batsmen to make batting an art rather than a primitive impulse. It is only at his peril that the batsman now moves across to the line of the ball.

"Many people hoped that the new rule would bring about the return of the old-fashioned off-break bowler," said Mr. Jardine. "But this has not been the case in county cricket."

"They also promised that it would encourage the legendary off-side batting we have heard about but have never seen. But it has not brought about the return of off-side batting so far."

Club cricketers, Mr. Jardine believes, would never have mooted such a radical change. In its inception it owes a good deal to the public desire to see finished matches. "But it seems to me that cricket is too large a game to be ruled by what we may call the public financial side of it."

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPORT LEADERS
TO AID NATION'S
FITNESS

MISS D. ROUND ON COUNCIL

London, February 13.

Leaders of all sections of the nation's sport are on the National Advisory Council appointed by the Government to prepare the £2,000,000 three-year plan for physical training and recreation.

The 31 members include Miss Dorothy Round, the lawn tennis player; Mr. W. W. Wakefield, M.P., the former England Rugby football captain, and Viscount Dawson of Penn, Physician-in-Ordinary to the King.

The full list of the Council, issued last night, as:—

Lord Aberdare, whose appointment as chairman has already been announced. As the Hon. C. N. Bruce he played cricket for Middlesex, and has been many times tennis champion. He is on many welfare bodies.

Hon. Edward Cadogan, Chairman of the Juvenile Organisations Committee of the Board of Education.

TWO ATHLETE M.P.s
Mr. Philip J. Noel Baker, M.P., President of Cambridge University Athletic Club 1910-12. Represented Great Britain in the 1912 and 1920 Olympic Games.

Mr. Valentine Bell, Principal of Battersea and Brixton Day Continuation School and of Battersea Junior Instruction Centre. Member of the Juvenile Organisations Committee of the Board of Education.

Lord Burghley, M.P., president of Cambridge University Athletic Club, 1926-7. Has won eight British championships and in 1928 won the Olympic 400-metre hurdles.

Mr. F. J. Chamberlain: National Secretary, Y.M.C.A.

Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett, hon. treasurer of the National Playing Fields Association; vice-president, National Association of Boys' Clubs; a member of the International Olympic Committee and of the International Playing Fields Committee.

THE KING'S PHYSICIAN
Viscount Dawson of Penn, Physician-in-Ordinary to the King and Queen and to Queen Mary.

Brig-Gen. Sir Wyndham Deedes, vice-chairman of the National Council of Social Service; chairman of London Council of Social Service.

Mr. W. McG. Eagar, editor of "The Boy"; member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Boys' Clubs and of the Juvenile Organisations Committee of the Board of Education.

Sir Percy Everett, member of the Executive Committees of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Association.

Ald. H. E. Fern, of Hertfordshire County Council; chairman of the Physical Training Sub-Committee of Hertfordshire Education Committee; honorary secretary, Amateur Swimming Association; chairman of Finance Committee of the British Olympic Association.

L.C.C. ORGANISER

Major A. H. A. Gem, organiser of Physical Training under the L.C.C.; director of the L.C.C. College of Physical Education.

Mrs. A. M. Grenfell, president of the Y.W.C.A.

Mr. Neville Hobson, clerk of Beverley Rural District Council; a keen worker for boys' clubs and other juvenile organisations.

Mr. P. D. Innes, chief education officer for Birmingham; member of Executive Committee of the Association of Education Committees; member of Juvenile Organisations Committee of the Board of Education; of Executive Committee of National Association of Boys' Clubs; and of Council of the National Playing Fields Association.

Sir William Jenkins, M.P.; chairman of Federation of Education Authorities for Wales; Alderman of Glamorgan County Council and chairman of Glamorgan Education Committee.



Miss Dorothy Round, above, the former Wimbledon champion, is one of the members of the National Advisory Council to help to promote health and physical training in Great Britain.

morgan Education Committee.

Mr. E. H. Jones, author of "The Road to Endor," and some time editor of "The Welsh Outlook"; Registrar of the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Capt. J. Glynn Jones, formerly organiser of the Montgomeryshire County Recreation Committee; secretary and organiser of the Ocean Area Recreation Union, the Boys' Camp at St. Athan, and secretary of the South Wales Federation of Boys' Clubs.

Lady Eleanor Keane, chairman of the National Council of Girls' Clubs.

DOCTORS AND TEACHERS
Mr. E. Kaye Le Fleming, chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association; was chairman of their Physical Education Committee, and represents the Association on the Central Council of Recreative Physical Training; knighted in New Year Honours this month.

Mr. F. Mander, general secretary, National Union of Teachers.

Lt.-Col R. E. Martin, chairman of Leicestershire County Council.

Ald. W. Melland, of Manchester City Council; chairman of Play Leadership Sub-Committee and member of Executive Committee of the National Playing Fields Association.

Miss Margaret Morris, principal of the Institute of Margaret Morris Dancing.

Capt. J. G. Paterson, director of physical training for the Industrial Welfare Society, Commandant of the Duke of York's Camp.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPION
Miss Dorothy Round. Winner of the singles at Wimbledon in 1934 and of the mixed doubles, 1934 to 1936.

Mr. S. F. Rous. Secretary of the Football Association; member of the Executive Committee of the Central Council of Recreative Physical Training, and hon. secretary of the Sports and Games Association.

Miss P. Spafford. Secretary of the Ling Physical Education Association; hon. secretary of the Federation of Physical Education Associations.

Miss Prunella Stack. Leader of Women's League of Health and Beauty Movement.

Mr. W. W. Wakefield, M.P. Member of the Executive Committee of the National Playing Fields Association. He has captained England and Cambridge University at Rugby football, and is a member of the Rugby Union Committee M.P. for Swindon.

GRANTS COMMITTEE
Members of the Grants Committee are:

Sir Henry Pelham, Permanent Secretary of the Board of Education since 1931. Is retiring from the Board's service to undertake this work.

Mrs. R. C. Asheton. Has for some years been president of Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes.

Mr. J. C. Fuller, member of Middlesex County Council. Chairman of Middlesex Education Committee. Alderman, Ealing Town Council.

The secretary to both Committees is Capt. L. F. Ellis, secretary of the National Council of Social Service. He is retiring from this post to take up his new work.

NEW YORK A.C. ANNOUNCES NEW KNOCKDOWN RULE

Baer-Pastor Bout
Not Allowed

"SHAMMED" AWAY FROM LOUIS

New York, February 3.

Shorn of its highly advertised feature when Joe Gould and James J. Braddock failed to appear to demand return of forfeit money from the signed Max Schmeling fight, the New York Athletic Commission announced a new knockdown rule to-day.

Stirred by the death of Tony Marino, the commission announced any fighter knocked down three times in one round would be disqualified. The new knockdown rule will not apply to championship matches.

The commission indicated it would bar Max Baer from fighting Pastor next March in New York.

YES, WHY?

"Every time we've had anything to do with Baer during the last two years he has claimed his hands are bad," said General Phelan, "so why should they be good enough to use against Pastor?"

Referee Arthur Donovan, third man when Joe Louis knocked out Baer, said Baer could have continued against Louis. "When I reached the count of eight I yelled 'Get up' to him, and he just shook his head," said Donovan.



Fus. Talbot, above, gave a fine display for the Fusiliers against S. China "B" in the Senior Shield Semi-final round encounter last Sunday at Causeway Bay.

BOSTOCK V. MONTANA ONCE AGAIN?

Briton Now Ranked
As "Top-Liner"

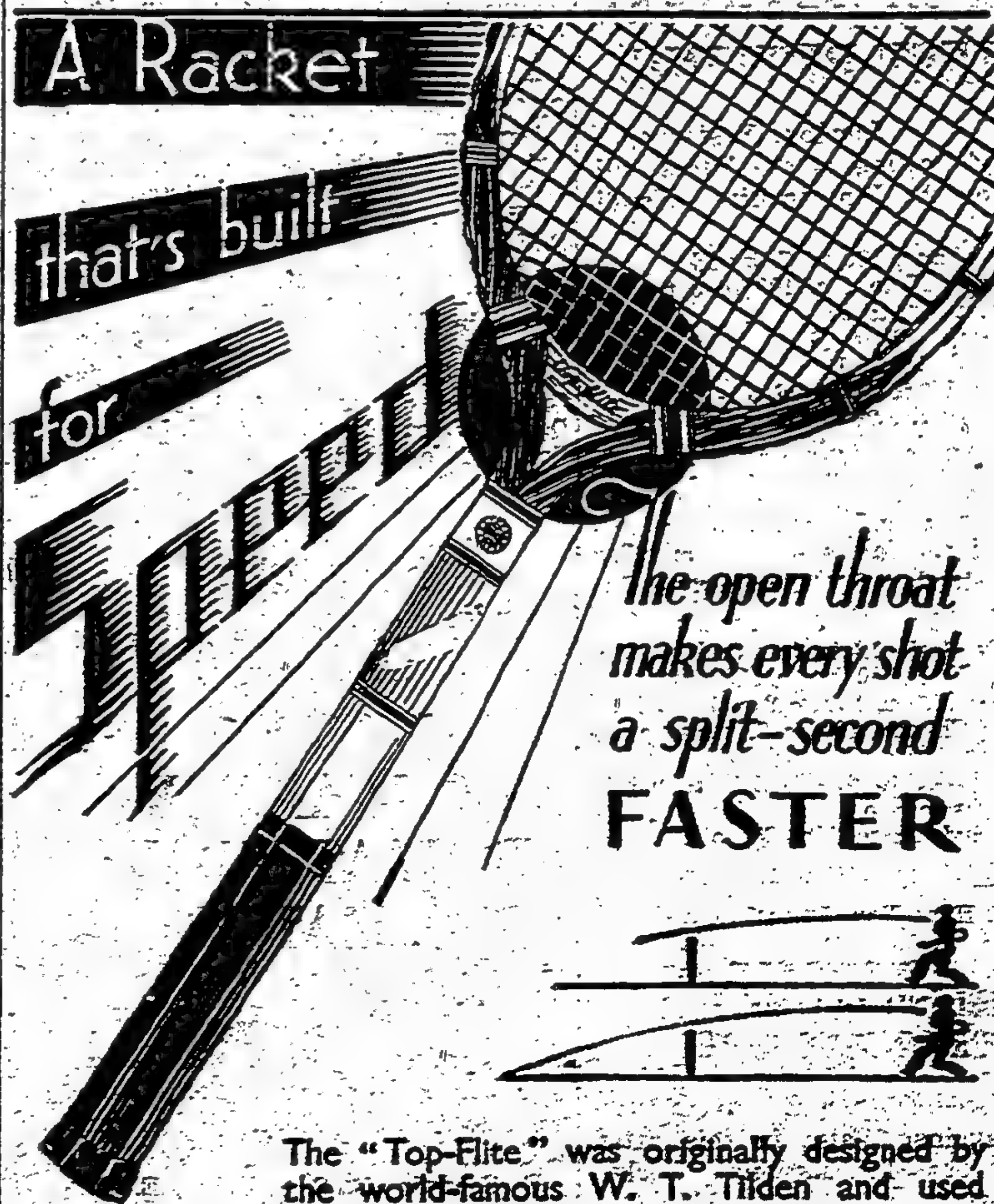
London, February 10.

Tiny Bostock, of Leek, near Hanley, who sprang a surprise by beating Small Montana, American champion, at Manchester on Monday night, may be re-matched with Montana by the promoters of Belle Vue.

Bostock, however, has already had an offer to fight Jimmy Warrack, the Irish title-holder, at Belfast.

"We are interested in a return with Montana," Mr. Fitzgerald, Bostock's manager, said yesterday. "He had his chance last night and took it by beating Montana decisively. That definitely establishes him as a top-liner."

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SCOTLAND WIN RUGBY CLASSIC

GRAND WORK BY FORWARDS IN THE LOOSE

WELSH PACK'S HEELING WASTED: FAILURE OF BACK DIVISION

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, February 8.

IS the old enemy himself again? Are we, that is to say, to prepare for a Scottish Rugby renaissance? It looked very like it at Swansea, where Scotland beat Wales, last season's champions, by 2 goals and a try (13 points) to 2 tries (6 points). Fine, slashing stuff the Scotsmen played, and for once we saw some proper running and attack in a thoroughly enjoyable international match.

FEW OF US EXPECTED QUITE SO DECISIVE A SCOTTISH TRIUMPH, AND THE VICTORY, MIND YOU, WAS GAINED IN THE MODERN MANNER. THE SCOTSMEN POUNCED ON WELSH MISTAKES — A DROPPED PASS, AN UNWISE KICK, A MOMENTARY RELAXATION IN THE LOOSE — AND FROM SUCH BEGINNINGS SCORED OPPORTUNIST TRIES.

The blows were struck shrewdly, let us agree, and it was grand to see the speed and adaptability of the Scottish back division. There are players here who will shake England in the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield, unless I am much mistaken. Ross, the newcomer at stand-off half, is one of them, quick and well balanced, able to time his passes and give them properly, and Macrae in the centre is a considerable discovery. Macrae is tall and fast, and he has that deceptive body-swing which leaves opponents clutching the air.

Then there were the old-timers, like Dick, Logan and R. W. Shaw, and very well all of them played. Dick tore holes in the Welsh defence, and there are few better sights in modern football than Dick swinging smoothly into attack.

LOGAN'S TOUGHNESS

Logan's toughness and Shaw's speed on the left wing—these were other factors in the Scottish revival, and the forwards played like a party of border raiders whose mission it is to swoop and harry their enemies rather than wear them down by scrummaging attrition.

They were highly promising, these Scottish forwards. Their close work improved, and they were tigers in the loose. This is a fighting pack, more like the famous Scottish packs of the past than any we have seen for some years. I look forward to the match between Scotland and Ireland. Then the fur will fly, for a certainty.

If Scottish youth and fire predominated in the loose, however, the Welshmen more than held their own in the tight. There, indeed, is the irony of it from the Welsh point of view. The Welsh pack had much the better of the tight scrummaging, and Wales, potentially at least, were attacking for the greater part of the game.

CERTAIN TRIES LOST

This time it was their backs who failed them, though they had chances galore, and threw two or three apparently certain tries away.

If W. T. A. Davies had been playing at stand-off half Wales would surely have scored more than once in the first 20 minutes, when the ball was coming back to them regularly and swiftly. Davies would have made openings for Wooller and Rees, or he might have slipped through himself, as he did against the All Blacks last year, whereas Morris kicked ahead abortively.

BAD HABIT

The kick ahead is a good variation, but a bad habit. I sometimes think that strategical kicking of this kind might temporarily be ruled out of the game altogether, simply to remind us that clever running is the basis of attack behind the scrum. Morris did his



best, no doubt, and he is an active little player, but he is not the type of stand-off half who makes proper use of his centres.

Idwal Rees ran beautifully now and again, and Wooller scored two Wooller tries, pounding away like the sacrificial car of Juggernaut, crushing his victims beneath him. Apart from this opportunism, however, Wooller was poor, dropping his passes, and throwing the ball wildly away when it had stuck in his hands. Altogether the Welsh attack fell grievously to pieces, and the selectors will have to think afresh if Wales are to avoid the wooden spoon.

WALES START WELL

It is better, though, to dwell gratefully on the virtues of the game than the deficiencies of individual players, and if the Welsh spectators were disappointed in their own team they were at least most generous to the invaders. The afternoon was brilliantly fine, the great terraces round the ground were densely packed with enthusiasts, and the turf had made a splendid recovery from the heavy rain which had turned it into a lake on Thursday.

Wales won the toss, and had wind and sun behind them when G. D. Shaw kicked off for Scotland. A scrum back in the centre, and Wales promptly shoved Scotland 10 clear yards, an ominous sign. Wales, in fact, began to heel regularly and Scotland were driven into their own 25.

GOING STRONG

A couple of drops by Wooller, a threatening dash by Long, diagonal punting by Morris, a run and kick by Hopkin, and Wales were going strong. Scotland showed their mettle when Macrae broke through cleverly, but Wales smashed back, and suddenly Wooller pounced upon a dropped pass. He dribbled, took the ball as it bounced kindly into his hands, strode clear of the defence with that effortless power of his, and scored a grand try. First blood to Wales, but Scot-

land were goaded with furious energy, and only a good tackle by James stopped Dick, who was racing for the line. Scotland now were attacking hotly, and Wales could barely hold out against a succession of hammer blows. Ross, Johnston, Dick, Logan, Macrae — one after another they thrust at the defence, and Inglis led the Scottish forwards in a storming dribble from the line-out.

Logan, Waters, Inglis, Young — this Scottish pack was setting a cracking pace—and then, on the Welsh 25, Logan slipped away, Macrae scattered the Welsh midfield players, swinging inwards suddenly and drawing the defence, and Dick, taking a perfectly timed pass, went bang through the gap to score under the posts.

MORRIS MISSES FINE CHANCE

All square, for G. D. Shaw missed the easiest of kicks after the charge had been disallowed, and it was Wales' turn to press. Twice Idwal Rees ran gloriously, but the Scotsmen covered swiftly—how useful R. W. Shaw's pace was, incidentally—and just on half-time Morris cut slap through, ran nearly to the line, and tried to pass to Idwal Rees, who was shadowed by Macrae.

If Morris had run himself he must surely have scored, but Scotland were spared, and the second half began with Wooller, Idwal Rees, Morris and Clement attacking swiftly. The defence held, but Wales peppered away, with James missing a penalty shot, Wooller taking another drop, T. J. Rees dribbling and Scotland pinned in their own half.

DICK DIVES OVER

It was some time before Macrae broke the stranglehold and went like an arrow up the centre of the field. As he was tackled the ball fell loose, G. D. Shaw, suspiciously nearly off-side, managed to gather it, Inglis and Waters backed up superbly, and Dock was there to take the final pass and dive over. A goal by G. D. Shaw, and once more the Welshmen pressed.

A fine dash from the loose by Watkins, who punted ahead, and Wooller followed up at great speed. Kerr at full-back was beaten by the bounce, and Wooller had only to tap the ball across the line with



W. E. Peers, above, was a prominent member of the victorious Club "A" Rugby seven, which retained the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Shield last Saturday.

REFEREES AND HURT PLAYERS

Forbidden To Assist Injured Men

Referees who try to do a good turn to an injured player may be banned from so doing by a new instruction issued to referees forbidding them to handle injured players. The new instruction may be the outcome of Charlton's letter to the F.A. in which they questioned the right of Referee Snape to have assisted John Oakes, their centre-half who was hurt during a Cup tie with Coventry.

"It is for deeper issues than the loss of a Cup tie which prompted us to write that letter," said the Charlton chairman. "It is definitely dangerous for people without experience and skill of qualified trainers to move an injured player. I am still haunted by something I saw at a match some time ago."

A player fell with a broken rib. Someone went to help him and moved the rib, which speared the poor fellow's lung. We have reason to hope that the F.A. will permit no person or official, other than the trainer, to handle an injured player unless the trainer requires assistance.

his foot, but he tried to pick up and managed to knock-on. The punishment fitted the crime right enough, but this was a disaster for Wales. Wooller strove to make amends shortly afterwards with a magnificent run, but his pass to Idwal Rees was forward, and once more Wales had a try snatched away from them.

SCOTLAND'S LAST TRY

By this time Wales must have been growing disheartened. Scotland, at any rate, took up the attack, and Morris tried to clear from his own line with a long kick to touch. The ball fell just short, Kerr gathered it and gave to R. W. Shaw, who leap off the mark and had a clear run of 30 yards to score Scotland's last try. G. D. Shaw kicked a great goal from the touchline, and all hopes of a Welsh recovery seemed doomed.

For a while Scotland pressed, but Wales made desperate efforts, and just before the end Tanner went round the blind side and flung back a long speculative pass into the open. Idwal Rees picked it up, and Wooller was there to gallop irresistibly away, slanting across the field, going all out to score in the corner. A brave finish to a match which did much to smooth down our misgivings about international football.

LIGHT BLUE GOLFERS IN A QUANDARY

Cotton's Coaching Wasted?

JOHN LANGLEY'S POOR DISPLAY

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, February 8.

With the approach of the 'Varsity match—at Princes, Sandwich, next month—interest in the performances of the two sides against the big London clubs is growing.

On Saturday, the much-vaunted Cambridge team opposed Addington, and were beaten, while the despised Oxford side went to West Hill, a club which not so long ago could field a team composed entirely of international players, and triumphed.

This was Oxford's first success of the Season, and as it came at a vital period of training, the signs are not without significance. Those who have written off the 'Varsity match as being as good as ever may, perhaps, have cause to revise their opinions.

UNCERTAIN

My immediate concern is with Cambridge, whom I saw at Addington. Being in the hands of Henry Cotton, and in the throes of change, they are a little uncertain. Some have quickly assimilated they advice and teaching, and profited thereby, while others have found the change to different methods somewhat disconcerting a condition not at all surprising.

John Langley is one who has not found the change at all easy. He tells me that he has played scarcely a good round since his return from America, where he took part in the Walker Cup match.

HIS WORST

One of his worst efforts must have been that at Addington where everything went wrong, particularly in the tee shots, which had an aggravating tendency to swerve to the right—some of them examples of the perfect slice, and push out.

It is remarkable that a player with such a perfectly grooved and rhythmic swing should suddenly find himself all at sea. The fault lies in the stance—too cramped and unnatural—and when this was correctly adjusted, Langley hit the best shot of the day, a "screamer" down the middle.

But the correction came too late; the match was then over. In both foursomes and singles, he was beaten 6 and 5—heavy losses for a Walker Cup player. But I am convinced that Langley's loss of form is purely temporary.



S. H. Garrod, former Rugby Hon. Secretary of the H.K.F.C., above, will not be returning to the Colony, but has been transferred to the Kobe office of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.

K. W. MARSHALL ANNOUNCES HIS ENGAGEMENT

Four Substitute Rugby Caps

BUT RECOGNISED AT LAST

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")
London, February 14.

Many London Scottish Rugby supporters will remember K. W. Marshall, who played so many fine games at full-back for the club and was capped seven times for Scotland between 1934 and 1936.

I hear he has become engaged to a Scottish girl, Miss M. L. Murray Reid, a well-known lacrosse player, who is incidentally the niece of Dr. J. M. Reid, who played full-back for Scotland at the close of last century.

THE SUBSTITUTE

Marshall started his international career as a substitute for D. I. Brown against Wales at Murrayfield in 1934. In Scotland's next match that season Brown was again chosen, but once more an injury intervened and Marshall got another cap. This same thing happened for the Calcutta Cup match.

Scotland started the next season by choosing Brown for full-back, and again he was injured, so Marshall won his fourth cap. It was not until the match with Ireland in 1935 that Marshall was actually an original selection.

Coventry City F.C.'s annual report shows a profit of £3,462 before providing for taxation. There is a total credit balance of £5,063. The new stand cost £9,860, of which £2,060 was publicly subscribed.

VON CRAMM REGAINS HIS HEALTH

Physical Culture Enthusiast

THINKS LITTLE OF BRITAIN'S HOPES

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")
London, February 3.

It is pleasing to hear that Gottfried Von Cramm, who, now that Fred Perry has "gone over," moves to the top of the world ranking, considers that he has made a complete recovery from the illness which pulled his game down in the autumn.

In an apparently successful attempt to regain his old fitness Von Cramm has gone in strongly for physical culture during the winter in company with H. Henkel, Germany's No. 2, and Hans Nusslein, the leading German professional.

Von Cramm, I am sorry to note, belongs to the company who think little of Britain's chance of retaining the Davis Cup this season and says that the famous trophy will go to U.S.A., Australia or Germany.

I do not think we are so certain to lose the Cup as the pessimists seem to imagine. Other countries besides Britain have to find a strong second singles player for the ties.

LONDON COMBINATION XI WIN

Brussels, February 10.

E. Muttitt, of Brentford, playing at inside-left for the London Combination against the Diables Rouges here this afternoon, scored a hat-trick and enabled his side to win by 3 goals to nil, after leading 1-0 at half-time. The outstanding players, in addition to Muttitt, were Smith, the Brentford left-winger, and Strong, the Portsmouth goalkeeper.

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Queen's Building
Hong Kong, 5th February, 1937.

GENERAL NOTICES

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th March to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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Hong Kong, 5th March, 1937.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1937.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney dated the 29th day of March, 1934 given by Mr. Chau Man-chee otherwise Chau Man Chi to Mr. Mok Tat Huen to manage the Imports and Exports Department of the firm of Chau Yue Teng of China Building has by Deed dated the 6th day of March, 1937, been revoked.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 12th March, 1937, At 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 5th March, 1937, to FRIDAY, the 12th March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNEIL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1937.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on THURSDAY, 11th March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1936 and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th February to 11th March, 1937, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of The Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th February, 1937.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 22nd March, 1937, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 25th March 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th March 1937, both days inclusive.

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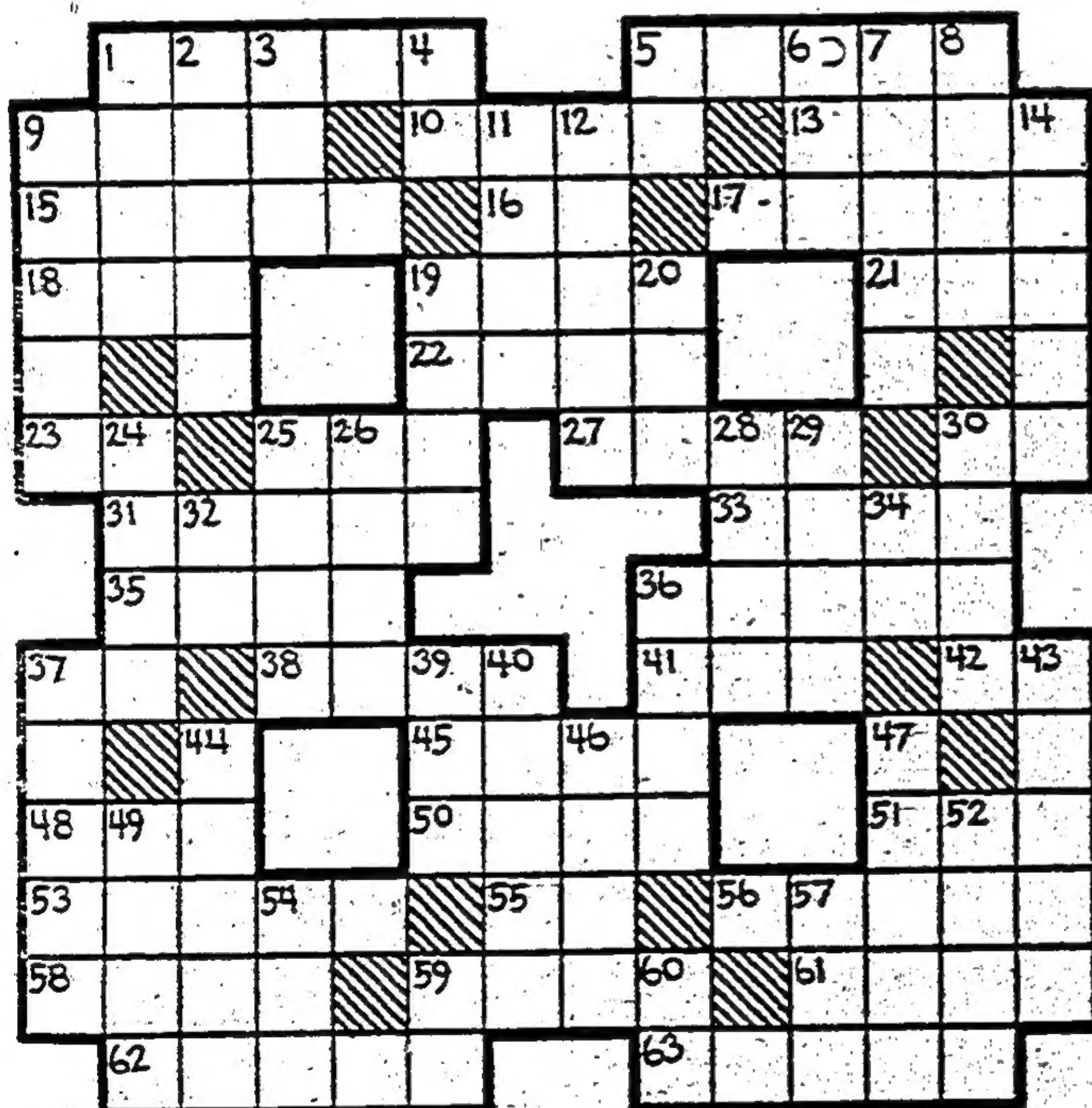
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—A slight offense
- 5—To sally forth
- 9—Clears of
- 10—Part of a stove
- 13—Diminutive suffix
- 15—A mountain range in South America
- 16—Four
- 17—Rod for beating time
- 18—An insect
- 19—Once more
- 21—Terminate
- 22—An emperor of Rome
- 23—Act
- 25—Quick to learn
- 27—Howl
- 30—Fifteen hundred
- 31—Valleys
- 33—River in France
- 35—Units
- 36—Distinguishing feature
- 37—Conjunction
- 38—Walk
- 41—Ever—(contr.)
- 42—Type measure
- 45—Merit

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48—Epoch
- 50—An insect
- 51—Etruscan god
- 53—Girl's name
- 55—Country in Africa (abbr.)
- 56—Spur
- 58—Satisfy
- 59—Dilatory
- 61—Eagle
- 62—Wireless
- 63—Excite

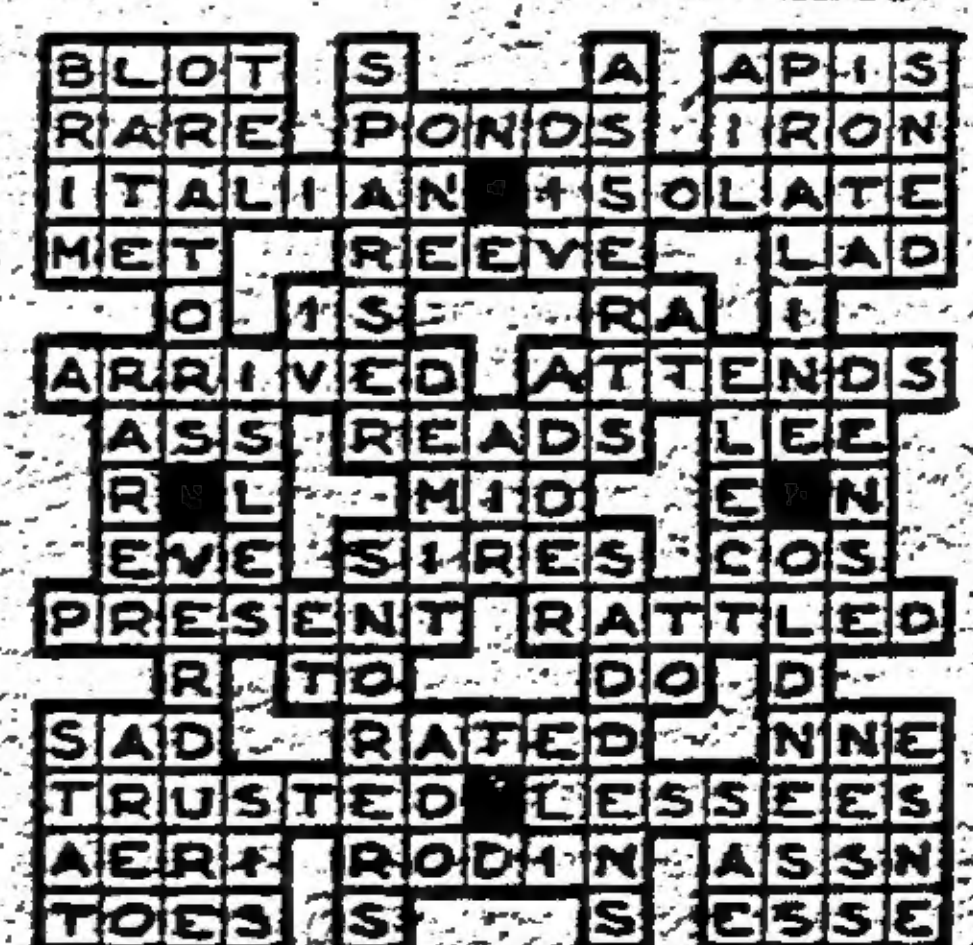
VERTICAL

- 1—Gauzy
- 2—A serpent
- 3—Employ
- 4—Preposition
- 5—Amidst
- 6—Ocean
- 7—Speak
- 8—English school
- 9—Mad
- 11—Trailing plant
- 12—All
- 14—Finished
- 19—An insect (pl.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20—Sorrow
- 24—Scent
- 25—A beverage (pl.)
- 26—A torment
- 28—Wisdom
- 29—One who tells a falsehood
- 30—Appertition
- 32—Indefinite article
- 34—Musical note
- 36—A canvas shelter
- 37—Unfastens
- 39—Incite
- 40—Picture longer than wide
- 43—Unite
- 44—British Isle in Mediterranean sea
- 46—False friend of Othello
- 47—A coquette
- 48—Erect
- 52—Girl's name
- 54—Guided
- 57—Chinese plant
- 58—Very
- 60—You and I

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

NEW CITY BLOCK TO BE BUILT BY JUNE LAND INVESTMENT MEETING

LOCAL RENTS DOWN TO ROCK BOTTOM

Completion of the new building now going up at the corner of Queen's Road Central and Ice House Street by June 30 and improved earnings by the Gloucester Hotel were announced by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, presiding this morning at the annual meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Land Investment Company, Ltd.

The Chairman said:—I regret that the Profit and Loss Account again shows a decrease in revenue from Rents as compared with the preceding twelve months but, although rock-bottom rents are nearly reached, there are still some old leases expiring which cannot be renewed on the favourable conditions existing at the time of their inception. The decrease is \$40,838.76.

Another large reduction in the revenue is Interest on Mortgages which amounts to \$63,362.29. This is mainly due to the redeeming of certain mortgages and also to the necessity of foreclosing on two properties.

GLoucester Earnings

A pleasing feature on the credit side is the improvement in the earnings of the Gloucester Hotel where a loss on the working Account for 1935 of \$39,133.80 has been turned into a profit of \$25,117.18. During the winter season just closing the hotel commenced catering to the public with up-to-date cabaret dances which have received gratifying support.

No sales of Property occurred in 1936. A beginning was made upon the redevelopment of the corner site at No. 9 Queen's Road, Central, and the new building is expected to be completed by June 30 next.

ESCAPED TYPHOON DAMAGE

On the debit side there is little which calls for comment and I am glad to say that the severe typhoon experienced last August caused no heavy increase in expenditure for Repairs.

The Profit and Loss Appropriation Account shows that your Directors recommend a Final Dividend of \$1. per share which, together with the Interim Dividend, makes a total of \$2. per share for the year under review.

SECONDER'S COMMENT

In rising to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts, Mr. G. W. Sewell said: "I congratulate the Directors and the staff of the Company on the excellent work they have put in during the past year. I was very much impressed in the tremendous improvements in the Gloucester Hotel, and I think this was due to a great extent to the energy of the Secretary."

"The British Government is spending a lot of money on the Colony trying to make it safe for its citizens, and I hope that the attitude will generate a feeling of confidence which might possibly be effective in the position of the company." The report and Accounts were then unanimously carried.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. Raymond were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. H. W. Dulley, seconded by R.J.D.C. Grieve.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and

Roosevelt's Reform Proposals

Washington, To-day.
Mr. John L. Lewis and a committee of labour leaders yesterday told President Roosevelt that the American working people were "with him to a man in the fight to reform the Federal judiciary."

Several leaders of agricultural organisations also assured the President of their support. —Reuter.

ADMIRAL AGAIN DECLINES

De Graaf Refuses Control Post

The Hague, To-day.
For the second time within a few weeks the Netherlands Admiral de Graaf has refused a post offered him under the auspices of the League of Nations.

He declined to assume the position of League Commissioner in Danzig and now he has refused the invitation to accept supreme command over the sea patrol on the Spanish coast.

Admiral de Graaf yesterday informed the Netherlands Foreign Office that he was not only refusing this particular post but would decline any other offer of like character. —Trans-Ocean.

VON RIBBENTROP'S LEIPZIG SPEECH

"No Formal Action" Called For

London, To-day.
The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs was questioned in the House of Commons about Herr Von Ribbentrop's recent speech at Leipzig.

Lord Cranborne said he had read the report of the speech but did not consider that any formal action was necessary or desirable.

Regarding the Colonies, he recalled the previous pronouncements of the Government's policy. —British Wireless.

GEISHA GIRL FINED

Fusayi Yamanaka, a Geisha girl, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy for failing to report her departure from and arrival into the Colony.

Sub-inspector Edwards said that the defendant left the Colony some time in February and returned by the Tai Shan from Canton on Wednesday.

Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,250 each, on the proposal of Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson was in the chair and was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Felix A. Joseph, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. A. Raymond, (Directors) and Mr. O. Eager (Secretary).

The following shareholders were also present:—Messrs. H. W. Dulley, G. W. Sewell, L. G. Frost, R. J. D. C. Grieve, D. V. Stevenson, C. T. Tod, A. Wilcox and H. Summers.

LOAN PROJECT SCOTCHED

No French Office In New York

Washington, To-day.
It has just been disclosed that the French Government recently proposed to establish a banking agency in New York to handle coupon payments on the new French loan.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, is reported to have objected in view of American legislation on the subject.

Interviewed yesterday, Mr. Morgenthau said that Treasury action did not affect the tri-partite agreement. —Reuter.

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL

Further Efforts In Economic Sphere

Rome, To-day.
Domestic affairs monopolised a three-hour meeting of the Fascist Grand Council which was held yesterday.

Signor Achille Starace, Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, reported that membership of the party, including women and youths, was over 9,000,000.

It was decided that corporations should intensify their activities to attain the aims of Fascism in economic spheres.

Marshal Emilio de Bono, former Commander-in-Chief in Abyssinia, proposed a farewell greeting to the Duce on the eve of his departure for Libya.

Signor Mussolini will open the newly-constructed 1,500 miles strategic road in the Italian colony and will also witness the combined fleet manoeuvres. —Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Miss Blackmore And Mr. Forster

Miss Raymonde Fernande Blackmore, well-known hockey player of the C.B.A. Ladies residing at No. 7, Kent Road, Kowloon Tong, has announced her forthcoming marriage to Mr. John Jacob Forster, engineer, of No. 4, Stanley Terrace, Taikoo Docks.

The forthcoming weddings of Mr. Edward Hope Meadows, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Miss Carman Marie Therese Pereira, of No. 3, Carnarvon Road; and of Mr. William Wong, aeronautic engineer attached to the Shiuchow Aircraft Works, Shiuchow, and Miss Rosie Lowe, secretary of the same concern, have also been announced.

RAIN DOGS M.C.C. FOOTSTEPS

Sydney, To-day.
Rain is again dogging the footsteps of the M.C.C. eleven and no definite result in their two-day match with The Combined Universities is possible.

After limiting the hours of play yesterday, further rain fell this morning and prevented play before lunch.

Yesterday the M.C.C. had scored 165 for the loss of six wickets, Walter Hammond being top scorer with 70 not out. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

TEL. 20022 or 33993

London, To-day.

Merchantmen proceeding to Spain will carry observers to prevent breach of the non-intervention agreement when the control scheme becomes fully operative.

Ships bound for Spain belonging to the signatory countries will be required to call at a specified point to embark observation officers.

The chief observation ports will be Cherbourg, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Palermo and Madeira.

Cost of the scheme is estimated as \$834,000 for twelve months, to which the signatories will contribute on an agreed scale. —Reuter.

BAN ON SOVIET FILMS DEMANDED

Prague, To-day.
Rightist newspapers here are demanding that the Government ban the showing of Soviet films.

The newspapers draw attention, in particular, to the showing of a Russian film entitled "Madrid in Flames," which is attracting huge audiences. —Trans-Ocean.

H. K. POLICE OFFICERS TO HAVE ANTI-GAS TRAINING

Two members of the Police Force are to undergo the anti-gas training course at Falsfield while they are home on leave this year, at a cost of \$472, according to a vote to be presented in Legislative Council Finance Committee tomorrow.

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